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Strategists discuss 90's politics

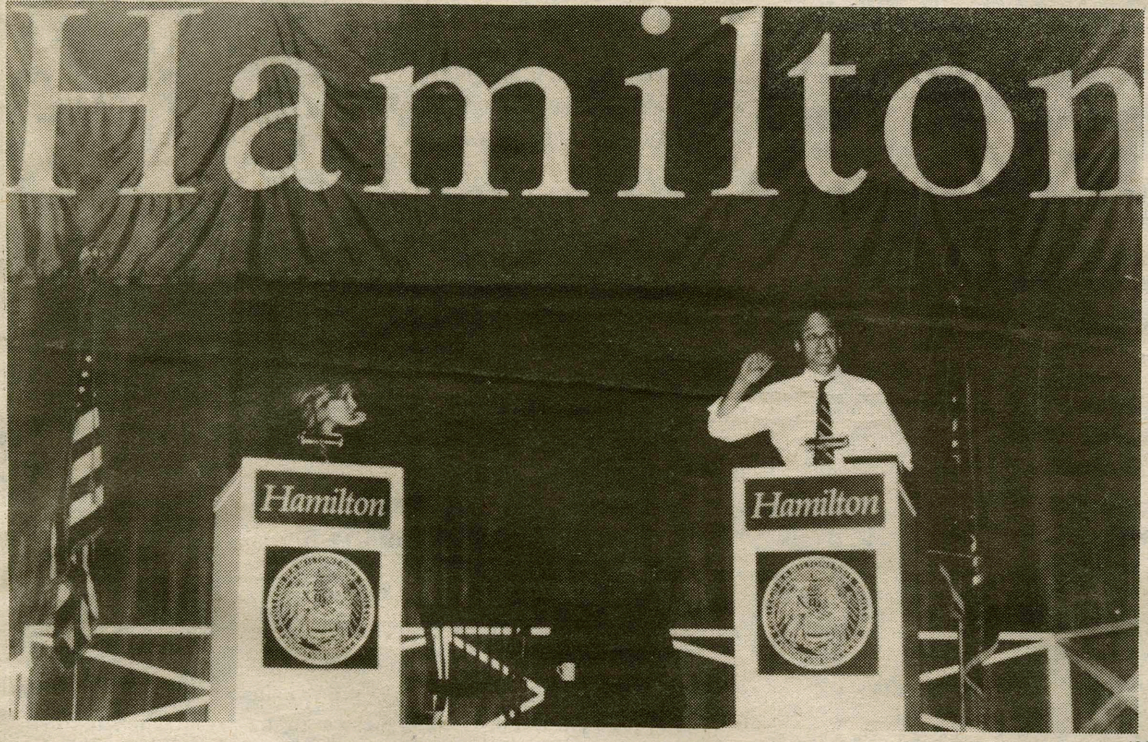

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Mary Matalin watches husband James Carville give his portion of the duo's presentation.

BY MARK GRANOVSKY '98
SPORTS EDITOR

Where can you listen to remarks about Bob Dole, the contemporary media, and epithets such as "serpenthead?" On October 15th, the Great Name Series played host to renowned political strategists James Carville and Mary Matalin.

This married couple spoke for two hours with a blend of humor and insight. President Eugene M. Tobin introduced both speakers as "sharing a passion for politics" and added that their "views differ substantially." No one doubted these comments by the end of the night.

Carville and Matalin decided to speak individually and to have a Q&A session follow. Matalin began the evening with praise of Hamilton for promoting critical thinking.

"It's not something you can learn at most schools," she explained. She then explained how Carville "distracted" her from George Bush. After calling her husband "Serpenthead" a few times, she explained other reactions towards Carville. When a friend saw Matalin's "new boyfriend," referring to Carville, on television, she said in astonishment, "Mary, he looks like a man who eats small children." Carville took the jokes with good nature and Matalin moved on to more serious issues.

Matalin focused her speech on the role that the mainstream press plays in the 1990's. She told the sold-out audience that the soundbyte has shrunk to seven seconds and used Carville's 1992 comment "It's the

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Community mourns tragic loss of first-year

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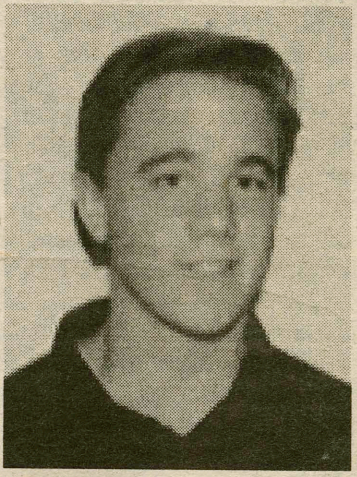

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Benjamin Claassen.

On his way back to Hamilton after Fall break, first-year Ben Claassen died with his father, Terry, in a plane crash Tuesday afternoon. Their single engine plane went down in the Town of Chadwicks after losing contact with their destination, the Onieda County Airport, at 3:26 p.m. The plane took off from an airport in College Park, Maryland, near Ben's hometown of Washington, DC.

At Hamilton, a vigil was held in the Chapel on Wednesday night. It began with a welcome from Chaplain Jeff McArn and a singing of Amazing Grace and Psalm 23, the Lord is My Shepherd. The mood in the Chapel was somber and intimate with several students and professors speaking about Ben. Fellow first-year, and good friend of his from high school said that he had never seen Ben happier than he had seen him at Hamilton.

Marjorie Zambrano, Spanish Teaching Fellow, had Ben in her class. She will remember him for his positive attitude, and "big, wonderful smile."

"Losing a student is like losing a member of my family," said Zambrano.

In her normally upbeat class, the desk where Ben sat is now empty. Many students felt it would be difficult to have fun again, without Ben. "But one student felt that if we weren't having *fun* in class, then we weren't being true to his memory." Many people remember him as that type of person.

"He had an all-around great personality, the kind you look for in lots of students but is hard to find," said Alek Voninski '97 who lived in McIntosh with Ben. "He had a really easy going nature. It is a loss that everyone feels, both in our hall in McIntosh, and in the College community. It will take a while for the pain to go away."

Even those who did not know

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Silko presents powerful eloquence in Chapel

BY SAM EVANS '00
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Swaying from side to side as if entranced by the magic of her words, acclaimed Native American poet and novelist Leslie Marmon Silko gave a hypnotic reading from her most recent work, *Gardens in the Dunes*, in the Chapel last night.

Published last month, Silko's novel tells of a late-nineteenth century Native American family and its close relationship with the majestic Pacific Northwest landscape, and with the encroaching, spiritually defeating forces of the white armies.

Lucy Ferris of the English department introduced the speaker with high praise for the author's powerful eloquence.

"She has taken the voice we of Western culture recognize as the voice of literary creation, that is, the individual genius, and woven it in with the voice of the People, the tribal genius," said Ferris.

James Polk, writing for the *Saturday Review*, said Silko's "perceptions are accurate, and her style reflects the breadth, the texture, the morality of her subjects." She has been called the first Native American woman novelist and the most accomplished Native American writer to date.

Before she began, she thanked those who attended, and in a statement that set the spiritual tone for the rest of the speech, she thanked the spirits of the ancestors.

Silko's reading began with a scene in which two of the main characters, Lady Salt and the very young girl Indigo, dance in the cool rain and roll in the "deliciously warm" sand of a dune near their home close to the Columbia River. Her excerpt included tales that ranged from mysterious appearances of "messiah" spirits to the cold and heartless rampage of American soldiers.

Throughout the speech she referred to many issues of the human condition, including mortality, respect for nature, and the Native American idea of life as a perpetual cycle.

Silko was born in Albuquerque, NM, is of mixed ancestry, and grew up on the Laguna Pueblo Reservation. Her other works include the novels *Almanac of the Dead* and *Ceremony*, and *Laguna Woman*, a collection of poems. She has been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, and a prestigious "genius" grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Emphasizing her own intense spiritual involvement in her works, Silko humorously admitted, "I wrote the *Almanac of the Dead* when I was possessed, so I really don't know much about it." But there was no need for her to reassure the audience that her material was of such an ethereal nature.

She did not just read from her manuscript. Instead, her round yet firm facial features became an embodiment of centuries of Native American struggles to maintain their spiritual identity.

So engrossed in the spirit of her culture was Silko that an eery silence descended over the audience when she said through one of her characters, "For the beloved spirits of the ancestors will bring the rains."

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Leslie Marmon Silko read her latest works in the Chapel last night.

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Plans for Dunham, DU unveiled

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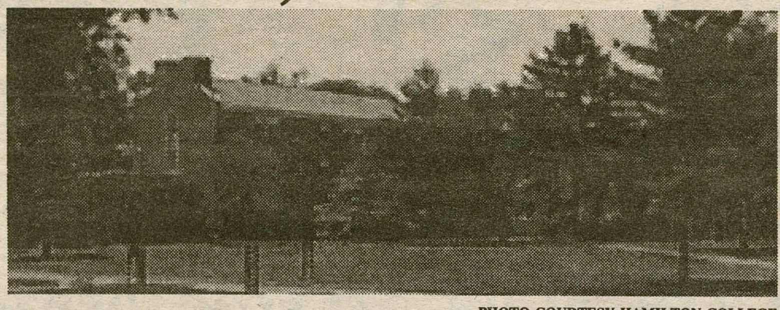

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After renovations, Dunham Residence Hall will no longer be a 'three-wing circus,' but three separate buildings. Work could begin on Dunham and Delta Upsilon this summer.

Last week students were invited to the Office of Residential Life to look at possible plans for the renovations of Dunham Residence Hall and the Delta Upsilon House. There is a need for additional housing on campus, as 86 students are living off campus this year. Many changes have been proposed for both buildings

Dunham Residence Hall is up for major renovations. According to Rebecca Kantrowitz, the director of Residential Life, the Hamilton Community agrees that Dunham definitely needs upgrading. The proposed plan for Dunham is to make it into three buildings. The two wings of Dunham would be separate from the main middle section.

First year students and sophomores would be primarily housed in the new buildings. Instead of a mix of singles, quads, and doubles, the main section plans include mostly doubles with adjoining bathrooms.

Kantrowitz described plans for the wings to change them into a veritcal community. The wings of the building will be opened up and the first floors will be lounges. The upper floors containing bedrooms will look down on the lounges. Hopefully, work on the main section of Dunham will start as soon as the academic year ends in order to be completed by next fall. The wings would then be completed over the following summers.

The Delta Upsilon House is under consideration for additional student housing. According to Kantrowitz, the plans are to add on to the rear of the building and add an additional story. The addition will be made up of new bedrooms and living spaces. Alumni input has been considered while making plans. Sensitive to the needs of DU Alumni, residential life plans to maintain the overall appearance of DU.

In December, there will be decisions made about whether the renovations will take place. Up until that point, the college will continue to consult with architects and develop possible plans.

The plans for the renovations are posted in the Office of Residential Life for students to view. Students are welcome to stop by to ask any questions or make suggestions.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Campus celebrates United Nations Day

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Elwyn Chick plays bagpipes in the Barn on UN Day.

Thursday night at 7:30 over 50 community members, students and faculty from all over Oneida county gathered in the Events Barn to celebrate U.N. Day. The event was put on by the United Nations Association and the International Student Association of Hamilton, and also featured a table of gifts benefiting UNICEF and information on the U.N. and the ISA. Emulating the actual U.N. most people who arrived Thursday night were really students from much farther away than Oneida county. There were students from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, England, Ecuador, France, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Trinidad, Turkey, U.S.A., and Vietnam. These students were asked to share their thoughts on the question "do you believe in a world government?'. The unanimous answer was yes, but many expressed the view that a world government needs to be limited in its powers. Others felt that a world government is something that should be strived for but is not possible in the near future, while others felt that the idea is good, but not possible. Overall, however, the students believed in the theory and concept of a world government.

The crowd was also treated to a bagpipe performance by Elwyn Chick, a Scottish student currently studying at Hamilton,. and finally a lecture by a professor of English from Utica College on the way language shapes ones perceptions. The evening was a time for people of different cultures to come together and recognize each other's unique identity whiule reaffirming their commitment to a peaceful world.

Kolb to direct choral groups in local Singfest

G. Roberts Kolb of Hamilton College, along with Julie Pretzat of Oswego University will direct the combined choruses of Phoenix, Central Square, and Camden High School in a concert on November 7, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. The concert will take place at Central Square's Paul V. Moore High School located off Rt. 11 in Central Square. The concert, called Singfest 96, will feature a combined chorus of 425 singers from the three schools, combined mixed choruses, and combined women's ensembles. For more information contact Chuck Brown at 696-1633 or 469-3957.

Carville, Matalin educate campus as Hamilton's latest 'Great Names'

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economy, stupid," for emphasis. An issue is considered to get extensive coverage on television if it is covered for a mere 22 seconds.

"Only 15 percent of the coverage [during the 1996 election] was substantive." Why should we care? Because the media skews these candidates to appear as if they do not care about America. "Candidates are three times as positive as the press," Matalin added.

She told the audience that "99.9 percent who serve in government have a serious streak of idealism." The problem with the press is "detachment from reality." One statistic that impressed the audience was that nine-tenths of those who vote listen to radio.

Yet it is important for all Americans to realize that the mainstream press makes up facts as well as interprets analysis. Matalin cited the examples of the infamous Clinton haircut and the George Bush grocery shopping incident as proof of this.

What can we do to get the most accurate news coverage possible? Matalin praised C-SPAN for less commentary and focusing on the issues. She added that this is an important election.

"It is not an election about the next four years, it is about what kind of benefits we will have [in the future]." Matalin suggested studying one issue for an hour every night up until the election and comparing the information to the mainstream press. "Cast your vote based on reality," she concluded.

Carville began his portion of the speech with jokes of his upbringing in Louisiana and education.

"The biggest industry [in town] was jury-duty." On his failures at Louisiana State University, Carville added that "I finished college in four terms–presidents that is." Jittery and passionate, Carville gave his thoughts on the struggles of Bob Dole in the 1996 election.

While Senator Dole has been in Congress for 35 years, he has relied on only a 15 percent tax cut as his platform. Carville added that "the things that make you a good senator can work against you as president. It's a different kind of leadership."

Senator Dole has not sold his tax cut to the people like he sells ideas in Congress. Carville added that "sometimes in a democracy you have to take it to the people." He quoted the late Theodore Roosevelt: "a leader has to be a dealer of hope."

People have also questioned what kind of president Senator Dole would be and that has hurt Dole's campaign.

"Americans need a sense that where you are taking them is better," remarked Carville. Senator Dole has lacked this important skill. Another problem has been the lack of unity in the Republican party. Carville praised former President Ronald Reagan for uniting the elite and populists in the Republican party to achieve success.

Carville concluded with the comment, "I like politicians because they share something in common: they are there to fail publicly." Both Carville and Matalin did nothing of the sort. Beyond the jokes and playful insults, were a couple that exuded class and penetrating ideas. It was a worthwhile evening for all in attendance as well as the continuation of the successful Great Names Series.

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Community mourns Claassen

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Ben that well felt the loss of a member of the community. Terry Bevan, a member of the golf team for which Ben tried out, remembers him as "a really nice guy." Professor Simon, who knew Ben through the golf team, spoke of him as an enthusiastic young man and said, "He always seemed to be enjoying what he was doing."

A formal memorial service will be held sometime next week, but the exact time has yet to be announced.

In high school Ben excelled as a student. He tutored younger students and played baseball and soccer at The Maret School, a private school of about 500 students in Washington, DC. A spokesperson was quoted in the *Observer-Dispatch* as saying, "It's been a very difficult day for everyone here."

"The best way to keep the memory of this bright and talented person is to talk about him," said President Gene Tobin. While the vigil service has begun the healing process for the Hamilton community, Tobin urged Hamiltonians to continue speaking with one another. "I would encourage those who need counseling to seek it out, but I also encourage you to talk with friends about this."

The plane crashed in a wooded area behind the Brookside School, along side Route 8. Witnesses say they heard a noise that sounded like the plane stalled in air, followed by a loud explosion.

Officials have determined that the wings of the plane came off in flight, but the cause of the crash is unknown at this point, and investigators may not discover it for some time. The plane was removed from the crash site on Thursday afternoon and will be reconstructed by Federal Aviation Administration officials to find out exactly what went wrong. "That can take weeks, sometimes months," said a spokesperson for the New Hartford Police.

The plane the two were flying was a 1948 Ryan Navion and has a reputation among pilots as a sturdy, reliable plane. Investigators will try to piece together a reason for the accident with the evidence they will collect from the wreckage.

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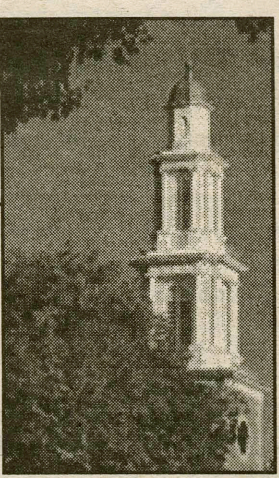


Hispanic group from U. of Houston ready for march

In response to a growing amount of resentment towards Hispanics throughout the United States, the University of Houston's student group, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana de Aztlan (MEChA), along with others from the nationwide organization, marched on Washington on Oct. 12. The movement was a national effort, combining the work of advocacy groups and college organizations.

The Hispanic advocacy group La Coordinadora '96 was the official organizer of the event, yet groups like MEChA were left the task of getting students to DC for the march.

Hector Chavana, president of the UH chapter of MEChA, said he "wants (the march) to spark interest, to create an entire student movement for human rights and immigrant rights and an end to police brutality."

The march provided a forum for speakers to protest government initiatives such as attempts to remove welfare benefits for legal U.S. immigrants and schooling for children of illegal immigrants.

Lorenzo Cano, associate director of the UH Center for Mexican American Studies, said that "while there is growing anti-immigrant feeling around the country, there is not enough information about the contribution and participation of immigrants in today's labor force."

This march was one of the first of its kind for Hispanic immigrants.

Franklin and Marshall pledge hospitalized

A Kappa Sigma pledge was taken to the emergency room at St. Joseph Hospital when he experienced a hypoglycemia attack during a pledging activity. Will Torrence '99 was admitted to the hospital, treated and then shortly released.

Torrence, who luckily received quick medical attention, would have been dead in another half hour, said the doctor who treated him.

Since "hazing" activities are illegal in Pennsylvania, as they are in other states, frat brothers and others pledges removed the pledge pin from Torrence's shirt before they took him to the hospital, and told the doctor he was injured playing football to avoid serious legal problems.

The brothers had apparently been leading the pledges in an 11-hour cleaning of the house during which they were each allowed to eat one hot dog, some doughnut holes, and chug beer, a source said.

Torrence had mentioned to some of the brothers that he was hypoglycemic.

"They didn't realize how big a deal the hypoglycemia was," said the source.

Colgate students build pyramids in library

Last Sunday, when the Colgate's Case Library opened, a ten-foot tall pyramid of wooden chairs was found at the east end of the library. In addition, opposite the wooden chair pyramid, a number of green footstools, were also arranged into a pyramid and many green couches were placed along the sides of the main reading room, with each couch inverted onto one another.

According to Betsy Rider, one of the librarians on duty when the library opened on Sunday morning, "No one could have been in the library unless they were hiding or a door was left open."

"The pyramids were so symmetrical and perfect that it must have taken four or five people a couple of hours to accomplish," senior Lauren Groff said.

On each level of the pyramid, there was one book. The titles included *Seen and Unseen, Hooligan, Great Hoaxes of All Time, Apparatus*, and on the very top of the pyramid was the book, *Can We Explain the Poltergeist*?

UW-Madison student gets busted

It was just discovered that a University of Wisconsin at Madison student who was shot to death on Sept. 12 was involved in selling thousands of dollars of marijuana.

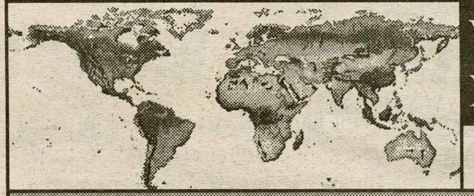
Jon Daniel, who was murdered at his campus-area apartment in an apparent drug deal gone bad, had recently bought nine pounds of marijuana with his roommate Mark Oliver, police say.

Oliver and Daniel were high school friends who came to Madison together two years ago. Both were wrestling champions and were inseparable, friends say.

Police say Daniel was killed when two men attempted to steal about $600 worth of marijuana from his apartment. The two men were later arrested after police received a tip from a girl who rode along to steal the marijuana from Daniel.

Oliver himself was an early suspect in the murder, friends close to Daniel said. In the search warrant, police officers said that Oliver gave "inconsistent statements" regarding his whereabouts during the time the murder took place. He told police he was at the Ho-Chunk Casino near Wisconsin Dells.

The two suspects in the murder were arrested last Thursday by Madison police.



WORLD NEWS

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Yeltsin fires Lebed

Four months after publicly embracing him as a political heir, President Boris N. Yeltsin angrily dismissed Alexsandr I. Lebed, his frank and aggressive national security chief. Looking frail but determined in his first prolonged appearance in weeks, Yeltsin said he could no longer tolerate the "brazen and insubordinate" behavior of the 46-year-old former general. Yeltsin, who was clearly enraged according to those who saw his speech, accused Lebed of trying to build a private army and of openly plotting to take over the Kremlin. Cocky and unbowed, Lebed announced his presidential ambitions a mere three hours after being dismissed from his post as national security advisor. Lebed called Yeltsin, 65, an "aged and sick old man"and made no effort to conceal his political aspirations. Lebed claims that Yeltsin has not fulfilled his role as president since his re-election in July and is fond of pointing out that he plans to replace Yeltsin in the near future. "I was born a winner," claimed Lebed as he referred to his plans to repeat Yeltsin's own climb to power after Yeltsin himself was expelled from the government several years ago.

(New York Times)

France returns to the Middle-East

Over the past week Jacques Chirac, president of France, has conducted a whirlwind tour of the Middle-East in an attempt to re-establish France as a major force in the region's politics. Chirac met with Benjamin Netanyahu, Yasser Arafat, King Hussein, and several other regional leaders. He reminded the Middle-East leaders of their historical ties to France and pointed out that behind Arabic, French is the most common language in the region. During his visit to Israel, Chirac expressed interest in having Europe and especially France play a greater role in the faltering Israeli-Palestinian peace process. In Israel, Chirac also made clear his "grand vision" of the Middle-East, that is, a Middle-East where France would be at the center of the political arena. Such a venture would be beneficial to Europe's presence in the Middle-East and possibly detrimental to America's presence there. "France will benefit mainly from the deterioration of America's image in Arab public opinion," claimed one French political analyst. Although the U.S. and France generally agree on Middle-East policies, France has opposed U.S.-led sanctions on Libya, Iran, and Iraq; all of which are have strong economic ties to France. France also criticized the Clinton administration's wholehearted support of Israel's attack on Lebanon last spring that killed over 200 Lebanese civilians. The U.S. State Department expressed its disappointment in the lack of French cooperation in the Middle-East and called for Chirac to concentrate on making peace in the region and not new rivalries.

(L'Express)

Ex-Contras demand U.S. aid

After the leftist Sandinista government was voted out of office in 1990, most of the American-backed anti-Sandinistas, or Contras, returned to their rural homes and became peasants again. Many of the American-backed Contras were crippled in the decade of civil war and their situation has worsened at the hands of Nicaragua's poor heath-care system. If they are healthy, they are still Latin American peasants, and over 20,000 over them are living in "abject poverty." Now, however, the peasant-soldier Contras think they have found a way to ease their hardship. Encouraged by Washington's recent payment of $20 million to Vietnamese commandos who worked as American agents thirty years ago, the Nicaraguans are seeking similar aid from the U.S. "They gave us millions to fight, but once we were disarmed and demobilized, we were abandoned and forgotten...we believe the U.S. has a moral obligation to help us," said one ex-Contra. Only a lump sum of millions of dollars can remedy the situation, claim the Contras. The Clinton administration, however, has dismissed any such demand as lacking merit on the grounds that there is no basis for such claims of hardship. The State Department also denied any responsibility on the grounds that the U.S. government did not create the Contras but merely supported the group by giving it weapons.

(New York Times)

Norway's Premier steps down after 16 years

Norway's Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland announced her resignation Thursday, fueling rumors that she quit in order to pursue the post of Secretary General of the United Nations. Brundtland brushed off such speculation even though it appears as if a European will succeed Boutros-Boutros Ghali in the post. She is known best for being an active sponsor of world peace, women's rights, and environmental regulations. Her successor, Thorbjoern Jagland, leader of the Labor Party, promises to follow Brundtland's liberal tradition and claimed he would not even consider a Cabinet with fewer than 40 percent women.

(New York Times)

NATIONAL NEWS

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Dole asks Perot to quit race

Less than two weeks before Election Day, Bob Dole's campaign manager met with Texas billionaire Ross Perot to try to convince him to quit his campaign and endorse Dole's bid for the presidency. In response, Perot's press secretary, Sharon Holman, claimed Perot was "in the race to stay," and that she could not confirm any meeting between Perot and Dole aides. Dole, who is behind several points in public opinion polls has taken some drastic measures in order to gain ground in the final weeks before the election. This week he dropped one of his attacks on Clinton despite having claimed that those attacks would be the "driving theme" of his campaign until Election Day. He also increased his advertising spending in California to $4 million in order to secure votes in America's most populous state. Dole advisors, however, are pessimistic about the chances of Perot backing Dole given that Dole helped engineer Perot's exclusion from the Presidential debates.

(New York Times)

Air bags found to be dangerous for children

Parents of children who have been killed by air bags are calling for new laws for cars equipped with air bags. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, at least 28 children and 19 adults have been killed by air bags. But in all such accidents, the agency said the children appeared to be unbelted or improperly belted, and the evidence was therefore inconclusive. That is, until last week when a five-year-old was killed by the force of a deploying passenger-side air bag despite wearing shoulder and lap safety belts properly. The child's death shows that not only are current air bag warnings inadequate, but new safety warnings proposed by the government also do not go far enough, the parents and safety advocates said. With 15 million vehicles equipped with passenger-side air bags on the road, NHTSA is under growing pressure to address the problem of air bag deaths. Passenger side air bags become mandatory in model year 1998 for cars and 1999 for light trucks.

(Reuter)

Miami police arrest phony plastic surgeon

Harry Castillo performed plastic surgery on unsuspecting Floridians lured in by his inexpensive rates. Castillo, 37, allegedly botched the breast implant operation on Brandi Saa so badly that infection set in. "Saa went to another doctor and then came forward to us," said the Miami police. On Wednesday, after detectives taped a meeting at which he offered to perform surgery on an undercover investigator, Castillo was arrested. More than 25 other patients have come forward with complaints.

(CNN)

Physical Plant, students lend hand to Hamilton's ecosystem

BRIAN GIACOMETTI
NEWS ANALYSIS

The recent apparent lack of regard for trees and grass on this campus, along with the continued use of pesticides have called Physical Plant's concern for the environment into question.

Terry Hawkridge, the Assistant Director of the Physical Plant, defends the politics of the group as being eco-friendly. With the relatively young recycling program, alternatives to excess pesticide use, and planting new flora across campus–few can argue against him.

For the past five or six years, the omnipresent bins were a constant reminder of recycling program that involves 20% of all waste at Hamilton. "It only works as well as the Hamilton community wants it to work," says Hawkridge. "I would like to recycle up to 30%." A lot of problems, usually involving alcohol and glass, slow down the process that depends on student support. Other schools, such as Middlebury, dedicate an entire building to sorting out the trash, rather than relying on it to be sorted at the source.

New buildings on campus, including the much anticipated Delta Upsilon renovation, will come equipped with "trash rooms," a feature that could be formed in any current dorm as well. "The college needs someone to supervise the program full-time," speaks HEAG's (Hamilton Environmental Action Group) student leader Jeff Evans. "Terry Hawkridge has the right idea, but not all the support he needs to be as effective as he should be."

Pesticides are another cause of concern at the mercy of the Plant. Back in the mid-70's, it was expected that insects were sprayed on sight; now spraying is only incorporated if the tree is in danger, or worse. Fermones and floral attractants are used to lure Japanese Beetles, one of the campus's biggest pests, away from the trees and into the green bags. The Plant hasn't really sprayed in three years; they even sold their spray truck. But in certain cases, like bees, exceptions are made.

Bees and hornets nests have grown in population on campus, and are proliferating close to home. Dunham, North, Bundy, and 3950 Campus Road are examples of residence halls that have been invaded at one time or another over the past couple years. "No one cares about pesticides when it comes to bees or hornets, they just want them dead," exclaims Hawkridge. Instead of sprays, alternatives such as a microinjection into the tree have been used, containing the chemical to the perimeter of the tree.

> "I think we're doing more for a better environment for trees and shrubs on campus then has ever been done; we know more now." —Terry Hawkridge

The Plant still needs to be wary of the Japanese Beetles' brethren. While neglecting to spray for them, an invasion of Bronze Birch Boar came and wiped out all White Birch on campus save one near the chapel.

The visible "tearing down" of the trees is not a severe problem at all. While two were taken down, 59 were planted along with 130 shrubs, the collection included various species and types. The trees were cut down for aesthetic reasons, allowing people to view across campus at the wide variety of architecture Hamilton can boast of proudly. The variety of trees installed is amazing as well. When the Dutch Elm disease came in the mid-70's, over 120 trees were taken down, being replaced with the impressive selection we now know. Even our landscape tries to be culturally diverse.

"I think we're doing more for a better environment for trees and shrubs on campus then has ever been done; we know more now," speaks Hawkridge while explaining the necessity to improve root zones and vigor of trees. "But the biggest compromise, is how we're taking care of the turf." After a brutal summer, students are eager to use and abuse the thawing lawn of our quads. Then comes Senior Week, Graduation, and Summer Programs, leaving no time for Physical Plant to provide the necessary care.

The weed killing program causes problems, once again because of pesticides and the little time allowed without students around. Half the recommended fertilizer is used while the Plant is forced to over-seed, using a ton and a half per year. The turf, as a result, is 20% weeds.

Finally, the last major complaint comes from the woods on the way to the Oriskany Creek. In the past it was common for many farms and organizations to have a landfill for its waste, and Hamilton is no exception. Our old landfill, naturally no longer in use, still exists. Some trash manages to break free and flow through the old college creek downstream, and collect outside of Rogers' Estate. Recently, groups such as HEAG and the ISC have worked to clean up areas such as this, an example of how the Plant isn't alone in campus beautification.

Physical Plant has fallen in with the times and jumped to save a tree; they should be commended for the extra effort they put in to keep ecologically friendly. But while we have a beautiful campus, we can't eat off of everything on the Hill. Everyone needs to contribute in their own way, such as throwing the bottle in the bin, and leaving the tree branches where they belong.

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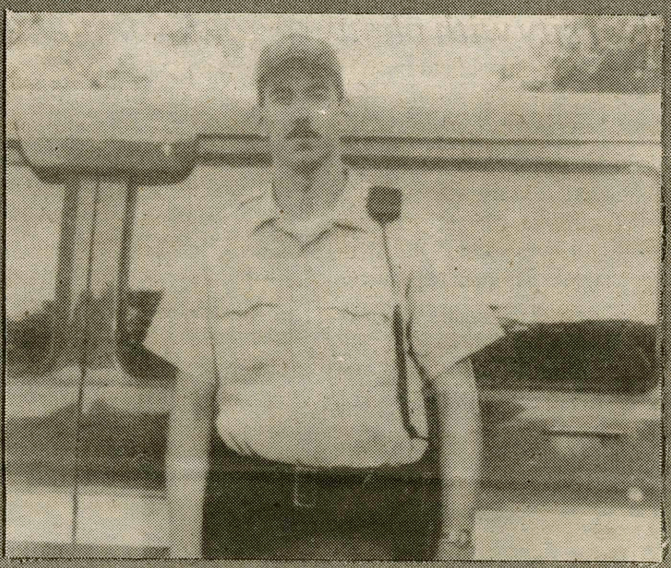

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OCTOBER 9

3:14 AM Security and the Kirkland P.D. jointly responded to a suspicious person in North Lot.
6:25 AM Vandalism was discovered in North Court.
7:35 AM A case of harassment was reported in Keehn.
5:35 PM HCEMS responded to an emergency at the Reservoir.
10:09 PM A case of harassment was reported in Root Hall.

OCTOBER 10

1:50 PM A case of larceny was reported in Bundy East.
5:40 PM A detector set off a fire alarm in South.

OCTOBER 11

7:30 PM A system malfunction set off the fire alarm at Sigma Phi House.
9:00 PM A faulty detector was the cause of a fire alarm in Minor.
9:20 PM A smoke detector set off a fire alarm in South.
9:55 PM A case of larceny was reported at BLSU, but the property was recovered.
10:40 PM Security discovered an alcohol violation in Dunham.
11:00 PM A mysterious fire alarm went off in Bundy East.
11:25 PM Security responded to a fight in Bundy East.

OCTOBER 12

1:56 AM A fire alarm was pulled in Bundy East.

OCTOBER 13

12:30 AM HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in Bundy East.
5:00 AM A downed lamp pole was discovered in the Root Lot.
9:50 PM HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in Dunham.

OCTOBER 14

12:10 AM A detector set off an alarm in Minor.
11:10 AM A case of larceny was reported in the Farmhouse.
5:00 PM The fire alarm malfunctioned in Sigma Phi House.
7:10 PM There was a car accident on South Campus.

OCTOBER 15

12:02 PM A suspicious person was reported in Kirner-Johnson.
10:45 PM A mysterious fire alarm was triggered in Dunham.

OCTOBER 16

10:02 AM Security discovered a case of criminal trespassing in Psi Upsilon House.
10:20 AM HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in List.
8:46 PM HCEMS responded to a medical emergency at Griffin Rd.
10:36 PM The power went out in Bundy East.

OCTOBER 17

10:05 AM A loose detector set off a fire alarm in the Bundy Dining Hall.
3:43 PM A case of larceny was reported in the Mail Center.
5:45 PM The fire alarm went off in the Diner.
6:10 PM A mysterious fire alarm was triggered at Griffin Rd.
11:50 PM A detector set off the fire alarm at the Farmhouse.

OCTOBER 18

1:03 AM A mysterious fire alarm was triggered at the Psi U House.
2:00 AM Vandalism was discovered at North Court.
6:50 PM The intruder alarm was set off in the Events Barn.

OCTOBER 19

8:00 AM Security responded to criminal mischief on Loop Rd.

OCTOBER 20

2:14 AM The fire alarm was set off in Dunham.

OCTOBER 21

6:50 PM A case of larceny was reported in the Gym locker room.

OCTOBER 22

8:52 PM Security responded to a vehicular accident by McEwen.

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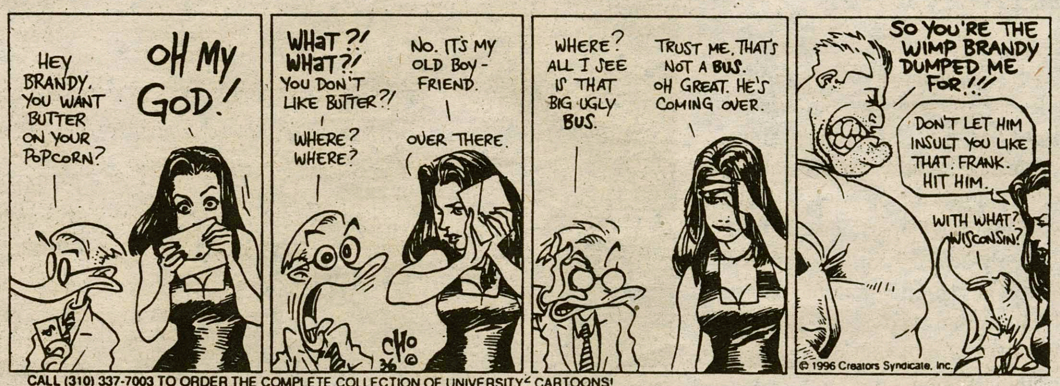

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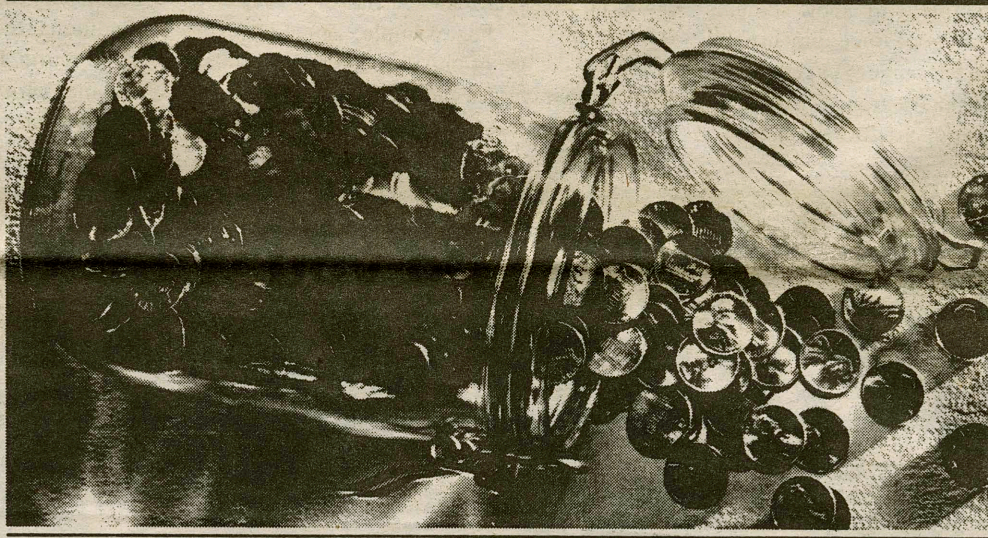

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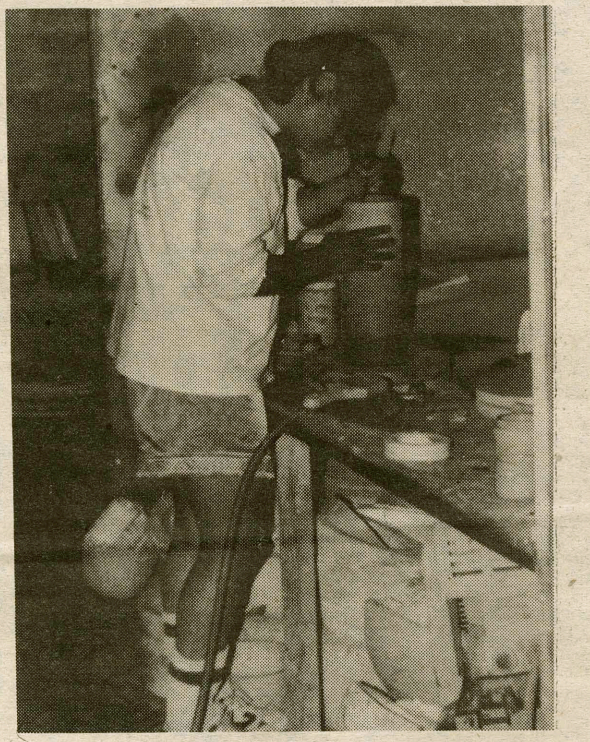
Shaping a class into an experience; ceramics goes beyond clay

By Clara McAuley '00
FEATURES STAFF WRITER

For over three decades, Professor Robert C. Palusky has been a member of the Hamilton community. He has served as a professor and currently holds the position of Head of the Ceramics Department. During his twenty-seven years on the Hill Palusky has found that he enjoys teaching more each year. It is not clear whether that sentiment comes from his students growing excitement about their art or, as he joked, his own growing age. One thing is for certain, his great enthusiasm about the ceramics department affords his students some remarkable opportunities.

The students obviously recognize this, because every year the course becomes filled more quickly. What makes ceramics such a popular course? As it stands the waiting list for the class is a whopping sixty students. Since classes are generally small, unless you are fortunate, you may miss out on an interesting experience. Professor Palusky seems to think that one reason for its popularity is that it serves two important purposes. As a visual arts class its chief objective is to show students the mechanics of three dimensional work. The full range of experimentation can compliment and expand upon the notions of art further than two dimensional work such as drawing, painting, and photography can.



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Ceramic students find more than the usual mud to play around with in the shop.

Another reason for its appeal is that the course is designed to incorporate many levels of interest into the finished pieces. For example, emphasizing the use of outside sources such as other classes and life experiences creates ideas for students work in the studio. This can serve as an excellent vehicle for expression and release if the student finds that ceramics is an effective medium to convey their ideas.

Professor Palusky explained that in his course seniors are responsible for not only creating a final work, but also completing a thesis paper based on the work and research they do. He told a story about a person in his class that is incorporating the use of modern technology into their final project. The individual is contacting the Philippines via e-mail to try and gather more information from people on the island about their history. E-mail certainly isn't a traditional tool for ceramics, but it supports Professor Palusky's claim that ceramics is a manner of expression that is based on life experiences and not just a regurgitated response from a text book or a lecture.

The senior show, held in April, is an opportunity for students to show their projects that they have worked hard on all year. Along with their thesis papers, the show is an excellent occasion for them to demonstrate their work to the rest of the Hamilton community. Professor Palusky is so enthusiastic about the course that it leaves his students with an enduring appreciation and knowledge of ceramics.

The ceramics department at Hamilton is one of the strongest visual arts programs on campus. It is not only a good release for students' ideas, but it is an alternative method for learning more about how art and life are interwoven. It is clear that this program will only continue to improve and hopefully class availability will be more flexible in the future. Professor Palusky's final thought about his department was, "if it is possible, and a student needs to fulfill a requirement in the arts, take a visual arts class. It incorporates a physical and intellectual experience that one does not experience in other courses."

ASK RILEY

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Dear Riley,

I have a shaved head, and on special occasions I like to wax it with the candle I keep by my bed. What is the best way to go about removing the wax?

-Gym

Dear Gym,

If I felt like being mean, I would tell you to use an iron to remove the wax from your head in the same way that you remove wax from clothing. Instead, my advice is to let the wax ride on your head. When it starts to lose its shine, just add another layer. Not only will you be able to put on a hat faster than any of your friends, but you can eventually shape the layers around a wick to make a candle on the top of your head. This will be handy when you are trying to find a party in the dark in the Root Glen, or when you feel like sitting there and being stoic and angstful while hot wax runs down your face.

Dear Riley,

People tell me I have an accent and make fun of it often. I don't hear any accent at all in my voice, but I think it's destroying my social life. Should I pick up a new accent, and if so, what should it be?

-Bad English

Dear BE,

I would suggest acquiring a new lingo, not just for the sake of your social health and well-being, but because it will be a fun exercise for your lethargic vocal chords. They have grown so used to cranking out the same annoying timbre that they can probably do so in their (and your) sleep. Try talking like a game-show host for a week. By talking the way they do, they impress people so much that they give them all the snazzy products that they give away on their shows. Once you've filled your room with washing machines and chia pets, start talking in your old accent again, and just give people some of the stuff you've accumulated as condolence prizes when they get annoyed with the way you talk. From now on, you can keep switching voices indefinitely.

Dear Riley,

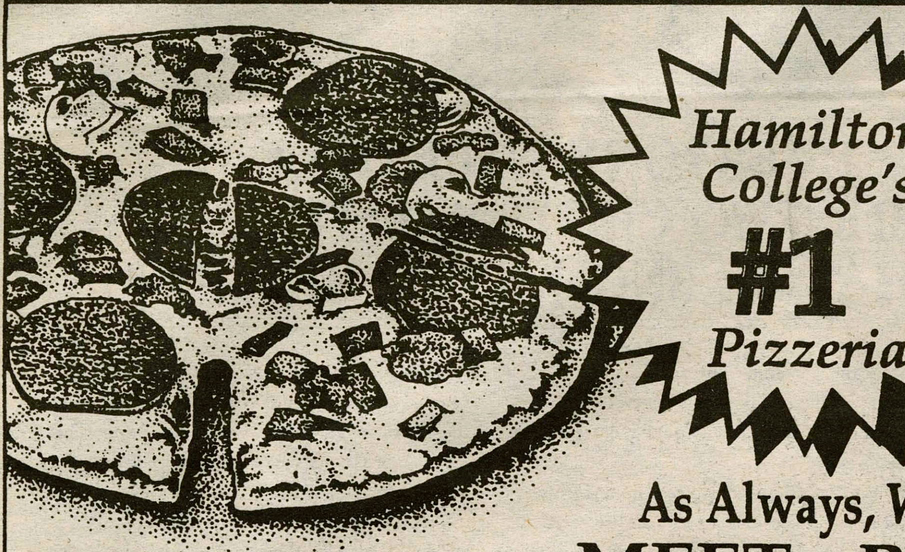
Recently I have become interested in pursuing a career as a spy. What can I do to improve my skills as a skulker?

-In The Dark

Dear Dark,

In order to force yourself to avoid being seen, put on a shirt that you have spilled food on, then set out on an errand. Because of your embarrassment at being seen with a dirty shirt, you will find ways to conceal your presence the entire time, even while you are eating dinner in Commons or buying a slurpee at the Qwik-e-Mart. Once you have mastered this skill, you might as well forget about becoming a spy. There will be no remaining memory or record of your existence throughout the entire campus. You will have no choice but to drop out of school and wear dirty clothes all the time.

ROMA PIZZERIA



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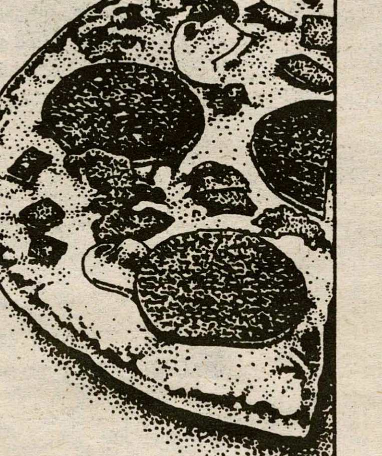

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-Tim O'Brien '97 on hackysack

"You just gotta pump it first, put your finger over the hole, and squeeze."
-Luke Hilpert '00 to Jared Frank

"I'm locking it up, so you'd better get your stuff out! I'm doing it! I mean it. I'm doing it today! Guys? Guys? I'm serious!"
-Randy Fields

"When you put it in, put it in with authority."
-Clarke Collins, '99, in reference to how to shoot a pool ball.

PERSONALS

My favorite whore,
"Oh, sweet pea, c'mon and daaaaaance with me!"
Your little croissant

Special Agent MacDowell:
I expect you to come back next year with a Scottish brogue and plenty of tales about what's underneath those kilts!
Congrats from your sunflower

Boozin' B-
We're having a blast with Woodie. I hope your mom doesn't miss him. We don't even need the board. Oh and the paper is coming along just fine thanks. Hey nobody's perfect!
- The Slackers

The Sketchy ones-
Thanks for the lift. We did not realize how fun sleep deprivation could be!
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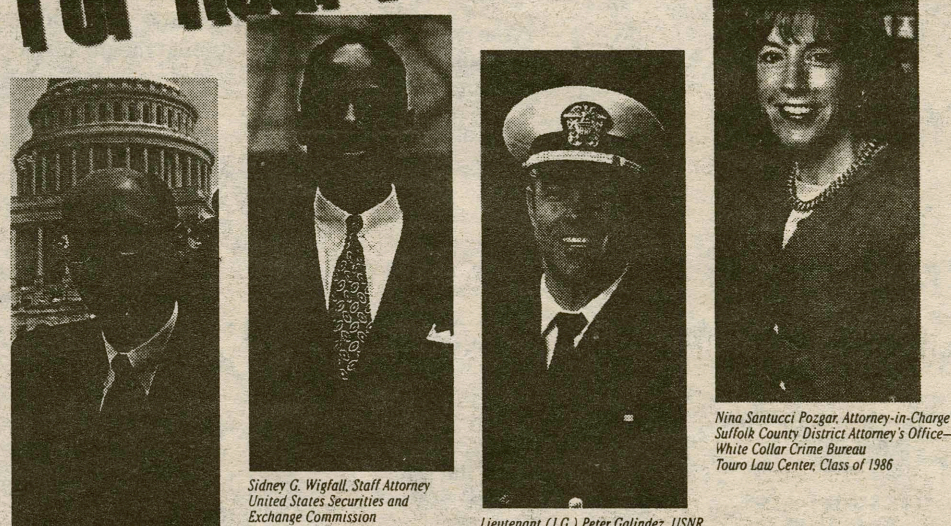

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A community member mourned

Over the Fall Recess, Hamilton lost a valued community member in Benjamin Claassen, who died in a tragic plane crash with his father.

If there is any time when Hamilton should be called upon to act as a true community, it is now. We all need each other in times when the fragility of life is so readily apparent, and so tragically presented. Give of yourself, and take for yourself the time that is necessary to heal the wounds of grief.

There is beauty to be found in the safety net of friends in times like this. There are few places where we can so fully involve ourselves in the bonding of a community, and feel a sense of healing from doing so. Fortunately, Hamilton is such a place.

Diversify Great Names

The timing of it was perfect, the presentation exquisite, and the execution flawless. Well almost. If only we could have given the ADD plagued Carville something else to fiddle with between his pointed and impressive speaking segments.

While the Matalin-Carville installment of the Great Names Series may well have been "exhibit A" in the case for perfection at Hamilton College, the direction of the Great Names series needs to be evaluated. The speakers were humorous and the subject matter was highly relevant in this election time, but the topic was purely political in nature, and the shadow of their newly published books hung heavily over the speech.

The series's first, and only other, speaker was Colin Powell, also from the realm of politics, making this second installment appear to be the inception of a trend. If the direction of the series does not change, it would suggest that great names exist only within the political discipline. Powell, too, did not hesitate to endorse his book a number of times during the presentation. If this trend of politically oriented speakers on their book tour continues, politics may soon entirely subsume science, art, philosophy and other intellectual spheres which the series should include.

As a liberal arts college with the resources to track down the best in speakers, Hamilton must work to diversify the subject matter of the Great Names Series speakers. The series was intended to include speakers from every area of intellectual pursuit. Are there not enough great names in the other areas? Carl Sagan, Harold Bloom, Stephen Jay Gould and Gore Vidal are a few who come immediately to mind.

While the speakers have been a tremendous success, the series as a whole needs some variation in disciplines or it risks becoming the Great Political, Book-Plugging Series.

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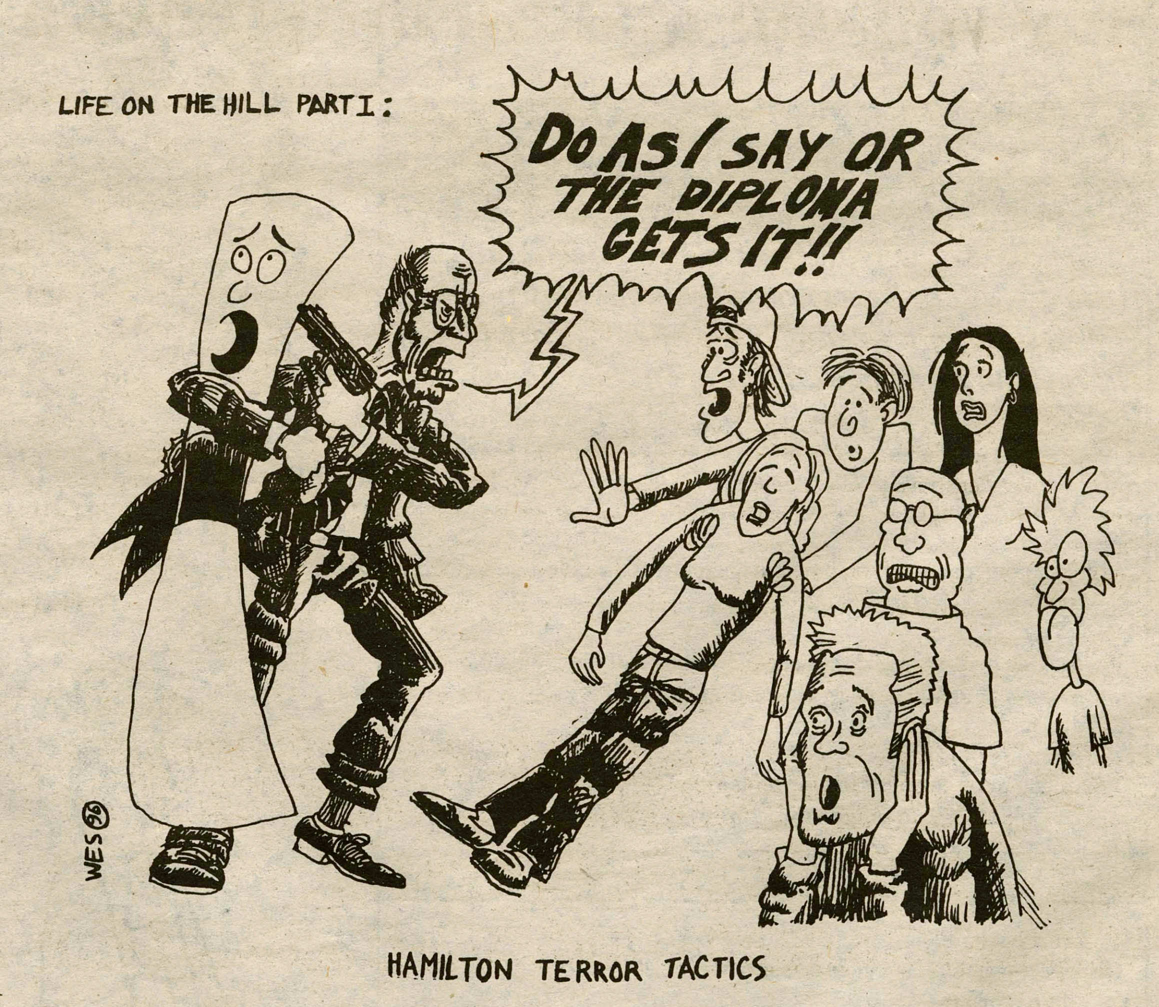

LETTERS TO•THE•EDITOR

Reflections on Hamilton from Cambridge

Dear Editor,

I recently spent a year at Hamilton as a member of the class of 99, between high school and University in Britain.

During my year at Hamilton, I joined Delta Kappa Epsilon, rowed on the crew team, sang with the Buffers, did a radio show, wrote for *The Spectator* and worked in the diner. I was involved at many levels with Hamilton student life. However, as a freshman of the post res-life era, I was powerfully influenced by a strong sense of opinion on the Hill against Hamilton, its administration and every aspect of student life which it offered the members of its community. I joined in the protests, complained daily about the food and meal equivalency, the sports facilities, the standards of accommodation provided, the way we were treated as if we were in prison.

Since then I took a place here at Cambridge, reported to be one of the best universities in the world. I came to a very important conclusion one night as I was reading through the *Spec On-line's* editorial columns, full of self-righteous complaints: I had been completely wrong about Hamilton.

Here at Cambridge, I have one real class a week: a one hour long class with a Professor. In between these classes I have a few lectures; most have more than 100 people in them. If I have a question that occurs to me just after my one class a week, then I have to wait until the next week; there are no office hours. My academic supervisor is never there; he has more than 25 other students to look after as well as me. If I want to work at night somewhere other than my room, tough: one library closes at 6.30 p.m., the other at 11 p.m. What about if I need to type a paper and there's a busy computer room? Forget it, there are eight working computers for my whole College to share, and of course there is no helpful ITS assistant who can help me when I can't work the computer. That's the academic side.

I went to try to work out the other day and I found myself in a gym which looked like a scrap yard: no fieldhouse, no squash courts, no pool, no stairmaters.

You want to hold a meeting at Cambridge? You go to the Student Activities Office and book a room. Easy, right? Wrong. There's no Student Activities Office, no Beinecke Village, no Bristol Campus Center. So, obviously the rational thing to do is to hold the meeting in your dorm room. But of course, you can't have more than 10 people in your room without reporting it to Security- and they WILL find out (the security guards at Cambridge, euphemistically called porters, make the Hamilton security guards look as authoritative as Minnie Mouse). And what if you want to create a club? There's no funding, it's all out of your own pocket.

"But," I hear you protest, "the social life must be far better than at Hamilton." Wrong again. Since there are no social spaces, and no more than ten people are allowed in your room, you are left to go to the College bar (nothing like the plush Hamilton Pub). This closes at 11 p.m., and if anyone is felt to be drunk they will be sent to the Dean and fined the equivalent of $125. How many times was I stopped by security as I made my way back to North dorm from a social function at Bundy? Not once.

I emphasize these points not to put down Cambridge. It is, admittedly, very strong as far as grade point average goes! I emphasize this to highlight what incredible facilities there are at Hamilton. Academically, the faculty are all brilliant. Perhaps they are not all world leaders in their fields, but they are nevertheless brilliant, and there to help at least a few hours a week, and certainly by appointment. Sports funding, coaching and facilities are excellent, but under-used. The Office of Student life works hard to provide extracurricular activities on a wide scale, and the funding for this is, again, generous.

Yes, yes, yes: this DOES sound like the Hamilton view-book, but the truth of the matter is this: just as the promotional video says, Hamilton IS a "very special place."

Of course there are other colleges with more prestige, better academics, more serious sports: colleges where there are lived-in Fraternity houses, or where you don't have to go through hoops to book a social space. But given that there are few Colleges who do *all* of these things as well as Hamilton does, would you not say that Hamilton does pretty well?

Though I found every minute of my year at Hamilton to be a great experience, unfortunately for me, it took me to leave Clinton to realize to what extent every student who attends it is extremely lucky. I sure wish I was back on the Hill.

Alexander Slater

Only you can make a difference as a college student

The phone rings last night and it's my dad. He says, "Don't forget to send in your absentee ballot. It has to be received seven days in advance or else." Or else what? "Oh yeah," I say, "I just saw the form when I was cleaning my room. Don't worry, I'll fill it out and send it in tomorrow." I rummage around in my drawer, slip the form out of its envelope, previously untouched, and stare at the words on the page in front of me. Bob Dole or Bill Clinton? Well, that's a whole other article. Republican? Libertarian? Who are all these other people anyway? I mean, does my vote really make a difference? Which brings me to the real motivation behind this article.

I heard it said one day last week that 75% of Hamilton students are apathetic. On that same day, while eating with some of my friends in the dining hall, exchanging the routine complaints about the food, I took time out from my whining to read a very simple story about a boy and a starfish. "Make a difference" was the moral of that story, and "Make a difference" is the moral of this article. I, however, am presenting this moral to you from a slightly different perspective.

Do I think that 75% of Hamilton students are apathetic? No, I would have to classify that as an unfair assessment of the student body. Do I think that individual responsibility and awareness are, at times, lacking? I would have to answer that in the affirmative. Sure, a good portion of Hamilton students do their work, get themselves to class, participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities. These are all activities indicative of a responsible person, right? Negative. Why do I say this? Let me try to answer my question with a question. Should we have to be told, "Remember, make a difference today?" I'll leave you to answer that.

CHRISTIE REED
THE WEEKLY REED

This is not to say that the goal of "Make a difference day" does not derive from the most positive intentions. In fact, that is the last message I mean to convey to those reading this article. I simply ask you to think about this: If you make a difference on October 26th, will it be a consequence of that specific date or rather just another day in your life? We all have to start somewhere, and October 26th, 1996 is as good a date as any, but don't be the student who studies for the test and then forgets it all the next day. To put it in relative terms, how important and rewarding is that "A" if the information never reaches further than the piece of paper? That "A" may be a sign of hard work and personal responsibility, but if treated as nothing more than instant gratification it carries little influence beyond its narrow scope. It does not make any difference.

Apathy suggests complete indifference, and I would argue that this description does not suit the students of the Hamilton community. It is my suggestion, however, that a lack of awareness remains our primary flaw. Are Hamilton students aware of life beyond the Hill? And, maybe even more importantly, are we aware of life on the Hill? Again, I leave you to decide.

Write for Letters and Op-Ed. Call Dan at x0920.

LETTERS TO·THE·EDITOR

Homophobia not tolerated at Hamilton

To the Hamilton Community:

It has come to the attention of the Community Relations Board (formerly the Harassment Grievance Board) that a student's door was defaced with homophobic slogans (Kill All Queers, Dyke Go Home). Such actions threaten that student's ability to work and learn here; at the same time they contaminate the environment for all of us, particularly because the writing was very large and in permanent black marker. Such attacks are particularly troubling in an academic community that must foster the free and open exchange of ideas.

We deplore such behavior, but it is not enough to say it is unacceptable. Such incidents will be followed by prompt and thorough investigation; in this case, the Dean of Students' Office and the Kirkland Police have been called in. When the perpetrator(s) are discovered, appropriate measures will be taken.

Hamilton College does not tolerate harassment of members of the community and has established the Community Relations Board to hear complaints of harassment (based on race, color, religion, ethnic origin, sexual and affectual orientation, physical handicap, or association with persons of a different race, color, religion or ethnic origin). We intend to be active in making Hamilton a place where people work and study in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

If you feel you have been harassed or have questions or issues you would like to see addressed, please contact any of the following members of the Board:

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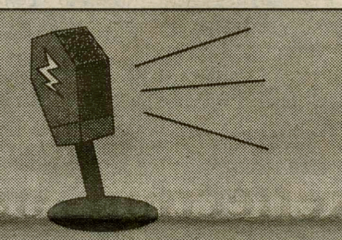

Let Hamilton know how you feel. Write to *The Spec.*

An oath of dishonor

Upon being accepted to the University of Virginia, a friend of mine received a pamphlet about the school's honor code. It explained that each student was to speak the truth and otherwise act in an honest fashion at all times. Faculty members were also bound by the honor code to take students at their word. Inside the packet was a brief note explaining that each student was "required" to send a one page missive pledging their commitment to the honor code. The letter was to be written anonymously.

At first, I wondered how they planned on enforcing this policy. Soon I was ready to conclude that this process was preposterous and not worth partaking in. Eventually, however, I realized that such an exercise demonstrates the tremendous power of an honor code.

OWEN GRANT
NO BASIS IN FACT

Unfortunately, the Honor Code at Hamilton College is a misnomer. Essentially, the code, originally drafted by students, has become a mild deterrent to dishonesty as opposed to a symbol of integrity. How much do students really know about the honor code?

Unlike most schools with honor codes, Hamilton's honor code pertains only to handed in material. At Oberlin College and Colorado College, for instance, the honor code applies not only to all academic situations, but also includes any residential situation. If a student sees another student vandalizing, for instance, they must turn that student in to the proper authorities.

With the exception of Hamilton, student elections are bound by the honor code. Last year's election fiasco, where the ballot recording was exposed as extremely shady, would have prevented any parties foundguilty from holding seats on the Student Assembly. Furthermore, those guilty students would not still be enrolled at any other school with an honor code.

The most important difference between other schools' honor codes and Hamilton's honor code is the consequences for lying and cheating. Hamilton is the only school that has an honor code where a violation of it does not result in immediate dismissal. Therefore, students may assume that the benefits of cheating outweigh the costs, if caught, while this should not be the case.

The best example of the shortcomings of Hamilton's honor code is the fall examination schedule. If I have already signed a pledge that I will not receive or distribute information regarding tests, why do I have to remain on campus until the December 22 to take my only finals?

The answer is that teachers are instructed to stand by the exam schedule so that their changes do not adversely affect any students. This is absolutely absurd. I do not want to cheat on my exam. I want to take my exams early so that I can spend more time with family and friends over the holidays.

Every student should have the opportunity to take each of their exams in a setting of their choice and take it upon themselves to complete the exam without any outside reference or extra time.

Many students and faculty would respond by saying that students would cheat in such a situation. But if students can not be trusted then what is the point of the honor code? Is the honor code really just a facade of respect and responsibility when in actuality it rarely benefits anyone?

Not cheating in an exam room full of your peers does not show any sign of outstanding character. But carrying out the rules of your school when you are your only witness is the only way to prove your own integrity.

By not allowing students this opportunity, the school has prevented us from learning and improving ourselves through the honor code.

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Nothing wrong with disagreeing

MARK LILIENTHAL
GLASS HOUSES

Hamilton College's "Great Names Series" continued with splendid success last Tuesday with Mary Matalin and James Carville's address to the community. Aside from Matalin's overzealous attacks on her husband (not to mention her incessant praise of Scott and Kim...are your ears burning?), the two speakers delivered a helpful, sincere talk. I was most impressed by Carville, who was clearly focused on being at Hamilton, despite his upcoming journey to San Diego to assist President Clinton with the final debate.

Carville's intensity and conviction were infectious. His message, while not original, was effective and applicable mainly because it gave us, as students, faculty, and community, a chance to witness firsthand the importance of the words Carville spoke. I jotted four ideas on the back of my ticket stub that need further attention.

First, Carville told us that there is "nothing wrong with disagreeing." Is that not, in a nutshell, what a liberal arts education strives to teach us? We should adopt this as our new opening sentence in the College's "Purposes and Goals" section of the Course Catalog. Unfortunately, students and faculty spend too much time tiptoeing around conflict, fearing disagreements. Think of all the times you confront your parents and friends on issues, values, and beliefs. I have found that these conflicts strengthen love and understanding and rarely create permanent divisions. Carville's message mirrors my own thoughts. We chicken out too often, cringing when debate escalates to fundamental difference. Let's be bold and wrestle with our differences and similarities alike. Frankly, our only way to progress and mature is to comprehend other people's views and decide for ourselves, after listening and hearing all the sides, where we really stand. In short, we could use a good dose of growth-through-difference at this college.

Second, Carville explained his respect for politicians because they "dare to fail publicly." I have never considered the corrupt scoundrels we refer to as leaders as people that take actual chances. Thanks, James, you showed a different, important way to regard politicians. One thing we cannot accuse politicians of is being wimpy. They take risks bigger than even the newspapers can understand. "Political disaster" is a popular phrase employed throughout the media; we need to grapple with the pains and troubles our leaders face every day.

Not only did Carville introduce me to a new point of view on politicians, but he also made me realize that Hamilton does not have enough risk takers among its students. Where are the soap boxes under students' feet? We are reluctant to express our individual beliefs and fears until we have somebody else backing us. Think of all the ideas that have died in mighty brains because we lacked the courage to speak on our own, exposing our naked emotions and convictions before our community. Why are we so afraid? Does Hamilton not pride itself on acceptance? Maybe the students on this campus don't have a voice because they don't speak loud enough.

Lastly, Carville quoted FDR, who said, "A good leader is a dealer in hope." The truth and weight of these words hit me like a crowbar in the teeth. Leaders need to deal hope to others, but also be sure that the conviction starts internally. Essentially, passion and raw belief need to be in place before leaders can spread hope among the public. I believe the message, which Carville tied into self-confidence, is remarkable in its simplicity and reality. The hope needs to start at home, in the bowels of our minds. Until we are sure about our own beliefs and values, spreading our views is reckless irresponsibility. Love the idea before sharing it; not believing in your own words is dangerous to you and your audience.

Furthermore, although Carville did not warn of the precarious nature of hope, I sensed in his words that he was also saying, "Don't be sleazy. Selling false hope should be a punishable offense." I agree; honesty is the main ingredient in passion and ideals. Using your ideas to give people bogus confidence is revolting. I believe we all need to take more risks, but we must be wary of our powers of persuasion. Realizing goals for groups should be beneficial for all, giving genuine hope and optimism, not misled security.

Carville inspired me. His resolve and excitement were tangible keys to his speech; it was obvious that he lived by the rules he laid out before us. In the multilayered, ultra-complex experience of life, self-confidence, hope, courage, and passion will take you as far as you want to go. In my Economics class, an author stated that Americans suffer from "misplaced optimism." I believe Carville's rebuttal to this pessimist would have been, "there's no room for a shoe clerk in this poker game." The American Dream is alive and well.

A beautiful autumn on the Hill

BEN MINTZ
GREY MATTERS

Autumn at Hamilton is beautiful. After a few days without the seemingly omnipresent precipitation, the falling leaves crackle as students cross them enroute to class. Peak foliage season in the Adirondacks seems to work well with the Stryker Campus's traditional architecture; the combination of the two not only delights the eyes, but seems to instill an otherwise missing sense of tradition and dignity to the campus.

In addition, the energy that students seem to pick up over break from new room trappings, roadtrips, and clean clothes flows through the campus. There is an intermittent, but brisk wind that provides the perfect stimulus for football or tossing a disc on the quad. Even the common, but false, rumor of imminent snow does not seem to affect us.

It was in the midst of this fall bliss, that I drove my cider laden automobile to the rear of Carnegie to park and unload, when I noticed something that seemed a bit shady.

Unfortunately, the spot which I hoped to park in was occupied by a large yellow barricade and something that resembled police tape. In fact, there was a string of these obstructions lining the quad's roadway. Immediate confusion kicked in and I searched the top of Carnegie for a giant Kirkland apple about to be dropped.

A quick check of my calender caused me to regain my senses and investigate the situation further. It seems that Hamilton is in the process of installing large granite curbs on the road behind Carnegie. Ever since I did not think that parking there would be disrupting a fire lane; ever since the arrival of the rocks, the only way to access that road is to drive to the fieldhouse and then to my post-break location beneath Carnegie.

This route is surely too cumbersome and long to drive a fire truck along. Blocking this area off is foolish because it only prevents students from loading and unloading heavy items such as laundry and furniture. In addition, with all the pressing matters facing the "Hamilton Community" why allocate the money to installing a curb and furthermore why not install a normal curb?

My seasonal spirit was further numbed upon entering my bathroom; despite the attempts of my roommates and me at interior-design, the room is still quite ugly because of the graffiti it came with. As I mentioned in a previous writing, when I moved into my room this year I was greeted by a bathroom covered in permanent marker graffiti.

I have no problem with the people who wrote it last year; they paid a bill to physical plant for its removal. Furthermore, *The Spectator* then wrote a follow-up article about it and other instances of physical plant not repairing student rooms of which they billed the previous occupants.

Do not get me wrong. The issue is not about parking or graffiti. These really are trivialities in the grand scheme of things. The issue is about right and wrong. The issue is about faculty-student interaction. The issue is about values and integrity.

There are certain things which I feel any college student should graduate with. In my opinion, a diploma signifies much more than a means to an end in the job market.

As common sense would dictate, of course one should leave Hamilton not only with marketable job skills, but also with a superior education. One should leave college with some fiscal responsibility. One should leave college with at least some elementary social skills, if not with highly developed ones. One should leave college with some sense of respect and etiquette. And, as Hamilton's motto states, one should leave college knowing thyself.

The aforementioned ideals are ones that we should want instilled within ourselves and ones that the college should want to instill in the student body. More importantly, they are values that the college should want to practice themselves.

They should not bill students for repairs they do not make and they should not give other students defective rooms. Actions like these are not fiscally responsible.

Physical Plant should not be assigned to building unnecessary curbs when more pressing projects are ignored. These are concepts of priorities, integrity and respect. If the college desires the so far elusive faculty-student interaction, it must respect the student body and treat students as equals.

While Hamilton may look beautiful in the fall (pardon the double-entendre), there is more to life and college than looks. Thank you to Physical Plant for keeping it that way, but no thanks to those who are not practicing the ethics of keeping to their word and deed.

VOICE BOX

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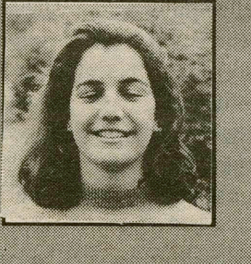

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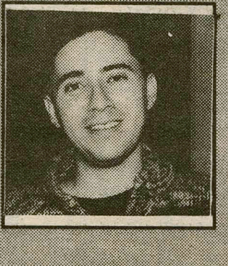
"I saw *Les Miserables*."



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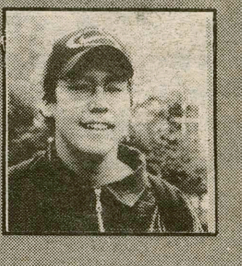

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"I watched *Ace Ventura* for the 50th time."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

HOROSCOPES

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25-31

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LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22)

Allowing yourself to dress up like a flasher this weekend will give you the freedom you've always desired. Just don't get carried away and forget it's only a costume.

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 22)

You would make an excellent banana. Yellow is your color. Be careful if you decide to drive anywhere with the costume on, it could get a little messy.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 22)

You and your mate would have a great time dressing up like the Cherokee Indian couple. The colorful face paint will put you both in the right mood.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 22)

A rock star is your calling. Go out and do your thing. One thing to consider: you can talk the talk, but you must be able to walk the walk.

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 23-FEBRUARY 18)

If you were to dress up like a cow you could moo all night long. Be cautious though, locals like to go cow tippin' every once in awhile.

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20)

A bumble bee is exactly what you need to release how you truly feel. This is your chance to stick it to 'em and let everyone know how you feel.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Dressing up like the opposite sex will fulfill a lifelong yearning you've been experiencing lately. Hopefully it will only last one night.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20)

A wild chimpanzee will allow you to hang around all night long. But don't look for answers in the morning. You are responsible for your actions.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You would look amazing as Catwoman or Batman. You'll feel like a 1,000 bucks. Enjoy the power while it lasts.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22)

No spandex this year, it just gets in the way. Instead go for the natural look. Hanging lose in a decorative ghost costume will impress others around you.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUGUST 22)

Go for the Caddieshack look. The hole in ones are yours. If you don't make them all, it's okay. It's more important that you count all the strokes.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22)

Head-less horse man is your destiny. Just think of how much fun it could be. If you're lucky enough to find a horse, you could ride all night long.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

SLEEPERS — **B**
THE GHOST & THE DARKNESS — **D**

COURTESY OF HOYTS' SANGERTOWN 8

BY KATHY HESS '99
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST

PHOTO BY BRIAN HAMILL FOR WARNER BROS. PICTURES
Brad Pitt and Jason Patric in *Sleepers*.

In both the movie *The Ghost and the Darkness* and *Sleepers* men struggle against an unfair and unnatural world. Both movies claim at the beginning that they are based on true stories, and feature young heartthrob stars and older actors known to out-perform their looks. Similar ideas regarding justice and manhood abound in both scripts. The things that these men will do for their form of justice is remarkable. The politics of both films are going to be far fetched for those who haven't had their testosterone shots, but a really great movie will allow the viewer to get beyond all that for a while. *Sleepers* is a good movie; *The Ghost and the Darkness* sucks.

Sleepers is about four young friends (all boys) raised in Hell's Kitchen (the west side of New York), a loving place full of manhood. The four boys learn about life from Father Bobby (Robert DeNiro), head of the local church, and King Benny, the head of the local mob. The boys steal a hot dog cart and accidentally kill a man when the cart rolls down the stairs of a subway entrance.

The boys are sent to a correctional institute in central New York where they are verbally, physically, and sexually abused by four of the guards. The worst of the guards is Sean Nokes (Kevin Bacon- who is awesomely evil), and when two of the boys meet him later in life, they kill him. The other two, Michael (Brad Pitt), and Shakes (Jason Patric), conspire to set their friends free from punishment. In order to do this they hire Danny Snyder (Dustin Hoffman- who is also awesome) as the defense lawyer and screw over the Institution that screwed over their childhood.

The Ghost and the Darkness has a different enemy, lions who are unnaturally blood-thirsty. The two lions whose nicknames are the title of the film menace an English bridge building project in Africa. The person in charge of the actual job is Lt. Col. John Patterson (Val Kilmer, who is best playing a Door). Perhaps the most amazing thing about the lieutenant, who is made out to be a determined man of amazing stature, is that he leaves his pregnant wife to build a bridge in Africa.

So Val Kilmer takes his Irish brogue (ha!) and really white teeth to Africa. The first night he shoots down a lion, not one of the blood thirsty ones, but another lion. The people rejoice until the two bloodthirsty lions show up and kill their bravest man, the man who could kill a lion with his own hands. This man is also the most wonderful character in the movie. He lasts ten minutes.

Sleepers is very well made; the photography and presentation are excellent even if they are predictable. The only big flaw in the film is a slow start. This is, of course, only if the viewer can discount the sometimes discordant messages in the film. For example, killing someone if you don't mean it and killing for revenge should be forgiven immediately. Beating within the family is okay, as long as it is kept within four walls.

The reason the boys in the movie are screwed up is the rape and other abuse that they received only while in jail (not at home), and that can't be forgiven. Between the initial mistake and the revenge that follows the abusive imprisonment, four men are killed and those murders are perfectly okay by the rules of JUSTICE. Maybe after the lobotomy it will make sense.

There are a couple of good shots in *The Ghost and the Darkness*, but they are so brief that the delight in seeing them doesn't last. Anything well done clashes with the rest of the film being so bad. Understanding Patterson's motives for continuing after the lions is impossible. Remington (Michael Douglas) keeps on saying that the lions are after Patterson, but they never attack him until there is no one else left.

The two testosterone pumped movies guaranteed to make any man strut from the theater don't quite measure up to *Braveheart*. *Sleepers* is really well done, but that's about it. The opening words describe the friendship of the boys as "deeper than blood." The story is not. *The Ghost and the Darkness* is just bloody.

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Audience journeys to gentler era with Orion String Quartet

BY JENNY JEFFERSON '00
A&E WRITER

On Saturday night, while the majority of the student body was dancing to the rhythms of the Barenaked Ladies, the audience at Wellin Hall was being transported to a gentler, more elegant era by the notes of The Orion String Quartet. Considering the competition from the concert in the Scott Field House, the turnout for the Orion String Quartet performance was surprisingly high, with Wellin Hall over half filled.

With tremendous skill and class, the Quartet provided two full hours of beautiful chamber music. Their repertoire included Franz Schubert's Quartetsatz in C Minor, D. 703, David Dzubay's Threnody After Josquin's Mille Regretz (1987), Johannes Brahms's Quartet in B-Flat Major, Op. 67, and Ludwig van Beethoven's Quartet in C-Sharp Minor, Op. 131.

With the exception of the modern Dzubay piece, the music reflected a traditional array of chamber compositions. The Quartet executed all of these selections with finesse.

The Orion String Quartet has been featured on stages the world over, and has received acclaim from a vast sampling of prestigious publications. The group includes Daniel Phillips and Todd Phillips, who alternate playing first and second violin; Steven Tenenbom on viola; and Timothy Eddy on cello.

The Quartet is currently gracing the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center as its Quartet-in-Residence, but continues to delight audiences at other locales as well. It was a privilege to hear this prestigious group perform at Hamilton. As do all of the other musicians that have visited and will continue to visit us at Wellin Hall, the Quartet provided a refreshing supplement to our fine arts program.

There are only two more upcoming performances in this season's Music at Hamilton Artists Series. Pianist Mykola Suk will play on November 22, followed by the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra on February 9.

Spending an evening in Wellin Hall listening to world renowned musicians is a great way to escape from the fast-paced rigors of academic life on the Hill.

From the Count Basie Orchestra, to the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, to the Orion String Quartet, the concerts in this series have, thus far, been impressive. There is no doubt that they will continue to be rewarding experiences.

CALENDAR • MOVIES

LECTURES

Friday: At 7:30 pm there will be a service of ordination and installation for our new College Chaplain, Jeffrey McArn, marking his ordination as a Presbyterian Minister and installation as Chaplain, in the Chapel.

Wednesday: Ella Shohat, Israeli/Iraqi film critic, will speak on "Globalization and the Nation: Toward a Multicultural Critique." This will be in Dwight Lounge at 4:15.

FILM

Dead Man Walking will be the KJ Auditorium on Friday and Sunday at 7:30 pm, and Saturday at 10 pm.

ARTS

Friday and Saturday: At 8 pm the Fall Dance Concert will take Place in Wellin Hall.

Monday: Downtown Heaven Suite, by Doctuh Mike Woods, will be performed in Wellin Hall at 8:30 pm.

CHECK IT OUT

Thursday: The Theatre Production "Moe's Lucky Seven" by Marlane Meyer, will be performed in Minor Theatre at 8 pm. Directed by Carole Bellini-Sharp.

Wednesday: At 4 pm as part of the Leavenworth Lecture Series "Colonialism, Colonials and Language" will be presented by Jean D'Costa, Hamilton College Professor of English in the Red Pit.

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FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25 - OCTOBER 31

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The Associate	*6:45, 9:25*	*The Chamber*	*9:40*
To Gilligan on Her 37th Birthday	*7:05, 9:30*	*That Thing You Do*	*7:30*
Sleeper	*6:30, 9:35*	*Glimmer Man*	*10:00*
The Ghost and the Darkness	*7:00, 9:50*		
The Long Kiss Goodnight	*6:50, 9:45*		
First Wives Club	*6:40, 9:20*		

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Injuries to 'Binger, Gutter and the Thrill' hamper Hamilton

By Jeff Michael '97
and Dave Andreatta '97
Sports Writer

The Silver Anniversary season has in fact resembled a roller coaster ride for the Hamilton Exiles Rugby Football Club. The fall season of the

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Silver Anniversary of Hamilton rugby over, the Exiles must be happy about their improvement from last season. Comparing last season's horrid 1-3 performance to this season's 2-2 performance, captain Jeff Michael '97 had this to say, "It's a start. Our goal this season was to improve and although it was a mild improvement, it gives us a solid foundation to work with for next season." Match President Dave Bolger '99 added, "We have so much potential for next season, we can't be anything but positive. We are like the sleeping giant who has just been woken."

The Exiles first travelled to the muddy of SUNY Potsdam to play the Polecats. Jeff Michael '97 continued his scoring streak with a two-point conversion following Dave Bolger's try and three point penalty kick. Bolger leads the Exiles in scoring with 20 points on the season. Michael finished second in scoring with 13 points and Ken Picariello '97 finished third with 12 points. The Exiles managed to hold off a late surge by the Polecats and won 10-6, raising their record to 2-1-0.

Unlike many fairy-tale endings, the fall season ended in disappointment with a 20-10 loss at the hands of a rugged SUNY-Fredonia squad. Despite smashing tries by Dave Bolger '99 and James "Blowtorch" Bentley '00, the Exiles could not handle the kick-and-run style of play that Fredonia employed. The Exiles played without several key players including captains "Big" Jeff Michael '97 (leg) and Will "the Thrill" Warren '97 (forehead) and the likes of experienced veterans such as Josh "Binger" Roy '97 (neck) and Ken "Gutter" Picarello '97 (left arm). Bolger led a young squad to the state school, hoping for a victory.

Fredonia struck first at the midway point of the first half as their young fullback Aroni Clark went around end and knocked it home. Hamilton tied it eight minutes later as super-soph Dave Bolger broke five tackles and hurdled the Fredonia tighthead prop to score. The conversion by Derek Hazard was shanked miserably and the score remained notched at fives. Fredonia scored twice quickly and held Hamilton at bay for eighteen and a half minutes until Bentley scored, making the score 15-10 in favor of the Firehawks. After allowing one more try with thirty-eight seconds left, the Exiles could do nothing but pray for miracles that never happened.

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When asked about the team's performance, Bolger responded, "Ours or Fredonia's? Just kidding. No I have nothing but praise for these young men. They came out here today with minimal real game experience and played their hearts out. Everyday of practice they are out there in hopes that one day they'll find themselves on the pitch, and the day finally came. Unfortunately, with all their hard work, they didn't win but it gives us hope for the future."

The Hamilton Exiles Rugby Football Club has nothing to worry about. With depth and experience this team has a great deal of success in its immediate future. Two friendlys are remaining. This weekend the Exiles travel to Hobart for a rematch of the home opener in which the ruggers won, 49-0 and a special treat for Parent's Weekend as the Exiles host SUNY Fredonia at 1 p.m. at the Intramural Field.

The Hamilton ruggers would like to thank Aylwin "the Mad Piper" Chick '00 for his performances before every home game, Geri Knortz for her cooperation in making this season a successful one and to the Physical Plant for their assistance in field maintenance.

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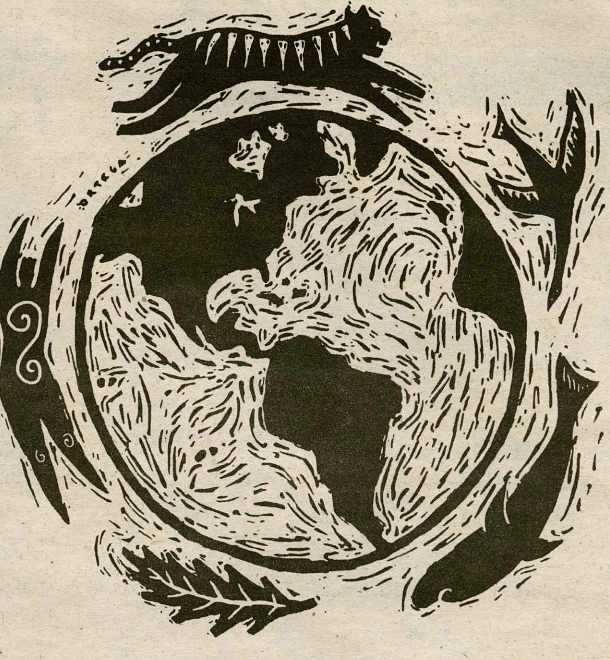

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SATURDAY OCT 26		Hobart 2 pm	Potsdam 2 pm	Williams 1:30 pm		NESCAC @ Williams 1 pm	
SUNDAY OCT 27	Westfield St. 1 pm						
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TUESDAY OCT 29			NYSWCAA Tourn. TBA		Union 7 pm		
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Buffalo at New England 10/27	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England
Pittsburgh at Atlanta 10/27	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Atlanta	Pittsburgh
St. Louis at Baltimore 10/27	Baltimore	Baltimore	St. Louis	Baltimore	Baltimore
San Francisco at Houston 10/27	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	Houston
Tampa Bay at Green Bay 10/27	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
Dallas at Miami 10/27	Miami	Miami	Miami	Dallas	Miami
Kansas City at Denver 10/27	Denver	Denver	Denver	Kansas City	Denver
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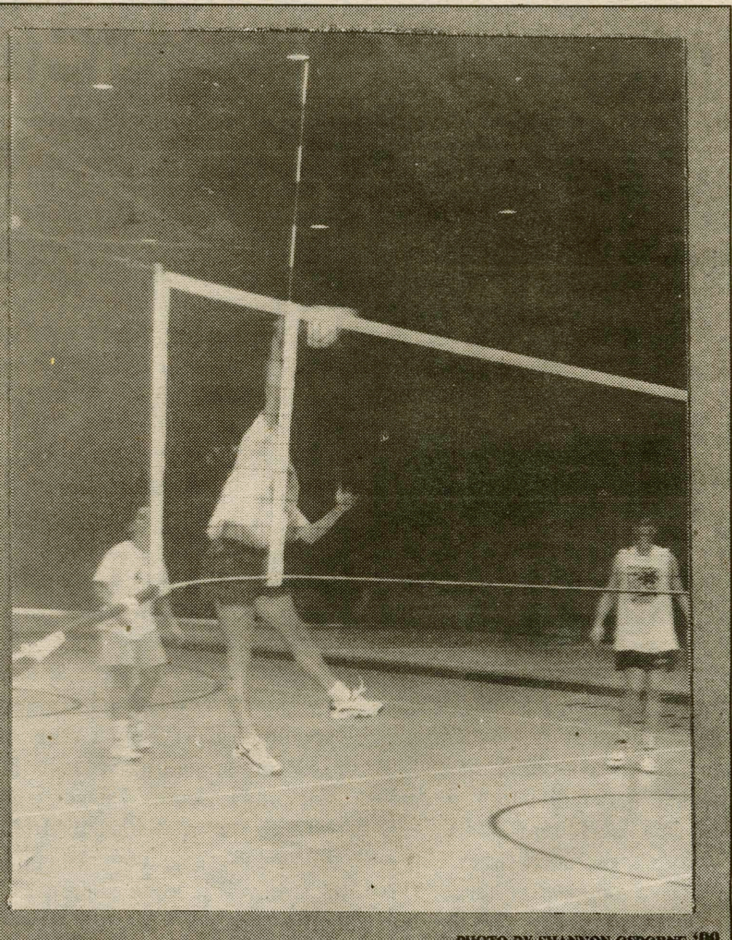

PHOTO BY SHANNON OSBORNE '99

Kill, kill, kill!

Clark a killer for Conts

BY ROB HERRING '00
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend, the Hamilton Volleyball team rallied from a two game deficit to defeat archrival Union and capture second place at the UCAA Tournament.

The Conts began the tournament against Clarkson, whom they had defeated previously. Again, Clarkson did not pose much of a threat as Hamilton won in straight games, 15-2, 15-9, 15-2.

Next up for the Continentals was Union. The team was looking to avenge its loss to Union, Hamilton's first defeat in late September. After losing the first two games it appeared that Union would win again. However, the Conts rallied from a 8-1 deficit in the third game to win it 15-12. This provided all the motivation the team needed as it succeeded in taking the next two games as well, capping off a dramatic come-from-behind victory, winning 11-15, 6-15, 15-12, 15-7, 15-12, and sending the Conts to the UCAA finals. Coach Geri Knortz was pleased with the team's effort against Union, "We showed quite a bit of character." She was very happy to avenge the earlier loss against Union.

In the finals, Hamilton met Rochester, the number four team in the region. Despite another come-from-behind victory in the third game and a near comeback in the fourth game, Hamilton lost to the UCAA champs 15-6, 15-2, 10-15, 16-14.

Overall, the team played well throughout the tournament. "We had a great tournament," said Coach Knortz. Jen Lentek '99, Christina Clark '97, and Sarah Tschampel '00 were selected by the coaches to the All-UCAA Team and Tschampel was voted tournament MVP.

All three have had very successful seasons, especially Tschampel, who, as a first-year, leads the team and the state in service aces with 506. Coach Knortz is pleased with her young star saying, " We expected a lot from her and she is doing a great job." Clark is also having a remarkable season. She leads the team in kills (180), hitting percentage (.366), and blocks (.818 per game). Green and Lentek lead the team in digs with 156 and 148, respectively.

Over the break, the team travelled to Williams for a quad. Hamilton drew Williams for its first match, and struggled mightily. "We couldn't get everyone playing at the same time," remarked Coach Knortz. It also does not help that Williams had no one under 5'10" on their front line. Williams won the match in straight games, 16-14, 15-3, 15-3 to improve their winning streak to seven games.

The next match appeared to be more of the same. The team was not working well together. Nothing was clicking. Hamilton lost the first two games, 15-10 and 15-12. In the third game the team was trailing 12-4 when Coach Knortz made a lineup change to, as she put it, "shake things up a little bit." This turned out to be a very wise move as Hamilton won the third game 16-14. In the fourth game the team was down 10-1 and came back to win. Hamilton won the match 10-15, 12-15, 16-14, 17-15, 15-12.

Knortz was amazed at the persistence of the team. The match was the season's longest, two hours and twenty minutes. Knortz was ecstatic, saying, "I've never seen a team pull off what we did." Clark was a major factor in the victory. In the last game she had nine kills. For comparison, a good player will get three kills in a game. Clark finished with 29 kills for the match.

The Volleyball Team's success has not gone unnoticed. This past Wednesday, Channel 2 came to campus to interview captains Christina Clark and Sheila Green. The segment aired this past Thursday on the 5 o'clock news.

Next up for the Continentals is the Binghamton Tournament this Friday and Saturday. Coach Knortz believes that the team has a legitimate chance at winning the tournament. "I think we have a chance...there is very little difference on paper between the teams."

Tennis serves William Smith 5-4 defeat

By Greg Nussbaum '98
Sports Writer

The Hamilton College women's tennis team ended the year with a 6-5 record. This was impressive considering the fact that the team started off 0-3. Also, the team lost two starting players during the course of the

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season, and was forced to play four freshman in the lineup. The top two players, Shana Roberts '99, and Mindy Bell '00 were also constantly hampered with shin splints. Nevertheless, the team proved resilient and salvaged a season which looked grim originally.

During the weekend of October 12th and 13th, the team traveled to William Smith to participate in the prestigious UCAA tournament. Although the team finished fifth overall, it was still a most productive weekend. In the UCAA tournament, the first match is pivotal. If the first match is lost, the team automatically drops to the loser's bracket. The team has no chance of finishing first, second or third in the losers bracket. Unfortunately, the Continentals drew St. Lawrence, one of the toughest teams in the tournament. The match was a blowout, as St. Lawrence cruised to a 9-0 victory. Nicole Barnard '00 was particularly impressive for the Continentals in this match, as she took St. Lawrence's Lilly Sverdrup to three sets, eventually losing in a three-set barnburner, 7-5, 0-6, 7-6.

Although suffering a tough loss, the Continentals did not lose focus. They routed RPI the same day 6-1. All of Hamilton's singles players recorded victories, although the match was halted after the Continentals clinched the match, so two singles matches were not officially completed. Bell, Amy Lopatin '97, and Kristen Donofrio '00 came through with clutch three set victories. Shana Roberts and Sarah Chatterton won their matches in straight sets at one and six singles respectively. Roberts and Lopatin and Emma McLaren'99 and Jenny Scharfeld '99, earned victories at second and third doubles.

On the 13th, the Continentals won probably their biggest victory of the year, edging William Smith, 5-4, in perhaps the most exciting match of the year. Although losing all three doubles, the Continentals singles lineup overpowered their opponents winning five of six. Most notable were the one and two singles matches. Shana Roberts and Mindy Bell each endured grueling three set matches, and outdueled their opponents in third set tiebreakers. Roberts won 6-4, 4-6, and 7-6(6) and Bell won in similar fashion, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6(6). Barnard, Donofio, and Chatterton each won convincingly as well.

The Continentals competed for the last time this fall in the state tournament. Roberts was the only Continental to make it past the first round, defeating Sarah Mortenson of RPI, 6-4, 6-4. Roberts would succumb in the quarterfinals to Amy Cohen of Cortland State(1-6, 2-6).

Although this season has concluded, the Continentals have next spring to look forward to. Coach Kelly McElroy was proud of her team and reflected positively on the season, "We had a winning record, and played a tough schedule. Considering we had four freshman in the top six, I'd say we had a successful season. I saw improvement in every player, they are just going to get better with experience. We had a late start and began, 0-3. We had to play catch up from there, but won 6 of our last eight."

For the season, Roberts had the best overall record at 6-5, at number one singles. Donofrio was also 6-5, and Barnard played well at 6-6.

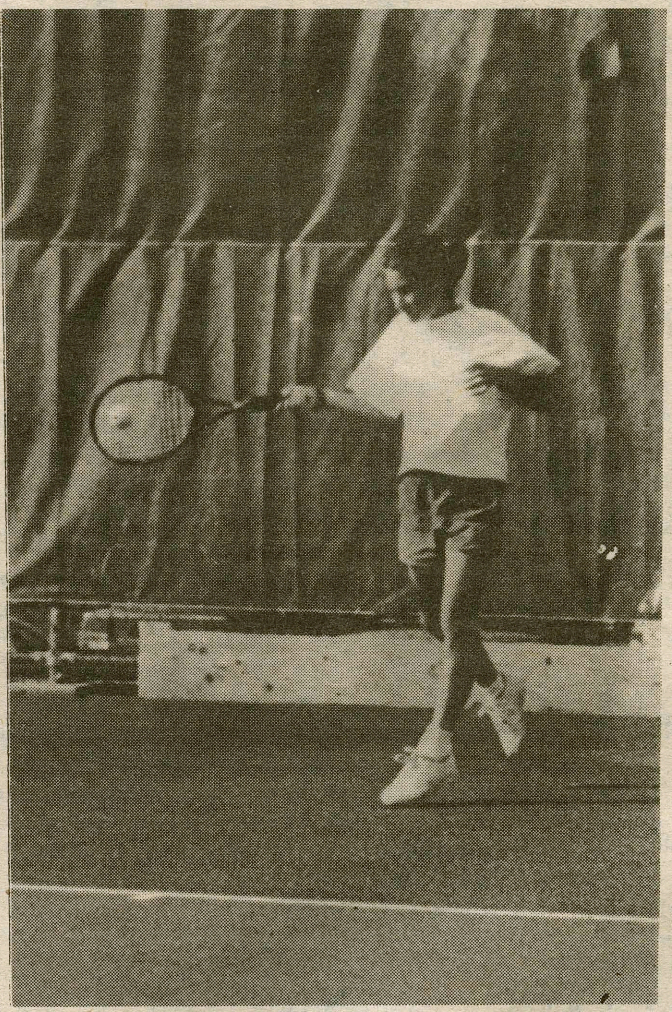

Photo by Emma McLaren '99

Hamilton netted a gutsy 5-4 victory over William Smith on October 13th.

Hamilton runners finish first

Women capture top four spots

By Felicia Holtzman '00
Sports Writer

Cross country hosted Hobart and William Smith, Clarkson, and LeMoyne colleges two weeks ago in an invitational held on campus. With the men's team taking a solid second place and the women's team coming away victorious, cross country is in fine shape to take on the eleven additional teams competing in the NESCAC Championship this Saturday at Williams.

The men's cross country team has made significant progress and improvement throughout the season. After some disappointing showings earlier in the season at the first meet where Hamilton hosted Union, Hartwick and Union and again with a

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> **-- Coach Ellen Hull"**

loss against Rensselaer, the men's team is now running with full force and effort and this commitment can be seen in the results.

At Hamilton's Invitational, Tom Capo '97 ran to first place on the 8000 meter course with a time of 27:13.8. The next Hamilton finisher was Jeremy Sokolnicki '98, coming in ninth place with a time of 28:38.1. Justin Ledden '97 followed closely behind Sokolnicki taking tenth place with a time of 28:38.7. Hamilton ended in second place with 45 points. LeMoyne won the men's meet with a score of 20 points. Clarkson took third and Hobart fourth with scores of 79 and 92.

The women's team came away with another victory to follow their UCAA Championship. The Continentals placed runners in first through fourth places to take the lead. Katie Wasilenko '99 ran to first place on the 3.05 mile course with a time of 19.34. Robin Loomis '00 ran the course in 19:40, giving her second place. Kate Dalke ran '98 a 19:58.0 placing third and Veronica Bufalini '98 came right behind Dalke in fourth place with a 20:14.9.

The competitors at Williams on Saturday come from very powerful teams, many of them ranked in the top 25 nationally. Coach Ellen Hull spoke about the competition both teams will face this weekend at Williams. "It will be very tough competition, these teams are very strong. We will use this meet as a building block for the next couple of weeks."

Out of the eleven total teams that will be at Williams on Saturday, four of them are ranked nationally. Williams is ranked fourth and Middlebury seventh, while Bowdoin follows in twelfth place. Finally, Colby is ranked twenty-fifth. Coach Hull added, "This will definitely be the toughest competition we will have faced all year."

The Williams Invitational will challenge Hamilton Cross Country as many of the teams Hamilton faces are among the best in the country. However, with the recent progress and strong showings both the men's and women's teams have made within the past few meets, the Continentals should provide their competitors with a run for their money.

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SPECTATORSPORTS

Football tames Maine wildlife, aims to milk victory from Purple Cows

BY DAVE SYLOFSKI '97
SPORTS WRITER

After two straight victories, Hamilton looks to challenge perennial NESCAC powerhouse Williams College at Steuben Field on Saturday. The Conts defeated Bowdoin 25-15 in a televised game two weeks

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ago. Last weekend, Hamilton overcame the biting Maine cold to defeat the winless Colby White Mules. The senior tandem of Scott Milleisen, Adam Hodges, and Dan DeBlois led the way as the Continentals cruised to a 32-7 rout.

In the first televised football game ever at Hamilton, the Cont offense shone for the cameras as they racked up 25 points and 407 total yards. Hamilton opened the scoring on its first possession with a 32-yard field goal by Andrew Scanzillo '00. After a Bowdoin touchdown late in the first quarter, the Continentals took over. DeBlois hit Chris Kelly '98 for a two yard TD and followed with 28-yard touchdown strike to Adam Hodges. First-year running back Karl Knight scored his first career touchdown as a Continental from one yard out to extend the lead to 23-7.

In the second half, Bowdoin made a brief comeback after blocking a punt and recovering the ball deep in Hamilton territory. Several plays later Hayes MacArthur found John Paquet for a three-yard touchdown toss. A completed two-point conversion cut the deficit to eight points early in the second half.

Though the Hamilton offense proved ineffective for most of the second half, the defensive corps picked up the slack. The Polar Bears failed to capitalize on its remaining possessions. A tackle in the end zone for a safety by defensive end Mark Burlingame '98 delivered the final margin of victory.

For the Hamilton offense, DeBlois completed 30 of 47 passes for 244 yards and two touchdowns. To his credit, the senior captain set a Hamilton record for most completions in his career (423), eclipsing the old mark (404) held by Seamus Crotty (1982-85). Scott Milleisen rushed 21 times for impressive 154 yards. Adam Hodges, ranked seventh in the country in pass receptions per game, caught nine passes for 74 yards and a touchdown. On defense, Kyle Bennett '98 had two interceptions and Russ Zacek '97 had one. Both Frank Loverro '98 and the ever-industrious Eddie McDevitt '97 recorded seven tackles to lead the defense. Paul Oberto's '97 extensive summer training paid off, as he made five textbook tackles.

Last weekend, the Continentals rolled against the weak White Mules of Colby College. After an early Colby touchdown, Hamilton woke up and never looked back. After Ed McDevitt recovered a fumble, DeBlois marched the Continentals 52 yards over 11 plays for a touchdown. Scott Milleisen finished the drive with a two yard run on the first play of the second quarter. Milleisen scored again on three-yard TD scamper to increase the lead to 13-7. With 40 seconds remaining in the first half, Coach Steve Frank went to the playbook for the old "throw-back," dipsy-doo trick play. DeBlois threw a screen pass to Hodges and ran towards the end zone. After faking the run, Hodges found DeBlois for a 14-yard touchdown strike. Another missed extra point left the score at 19-7 as the half expired.

PHOTO BY SHANNON OSBORNE '99

The Continentals will butt horns with the Purple Cows this Sat urday.

The only scoring in the second half came on two more DeBlois touchdown tosses. The senior fired to Hodges for a 25-yard strike, and later to Kelby Valenti '99 from 24 yards out. The defense shut Colby down to seal the 35-7 victory.

DeBlois again led the offensive unit, completing 80% of his passes (28-35) for 305 yards and two touchdowns. He also caught one touchdown pass for 14 yards. Hodges made 11 catches for 99 yards in addition to his first career touchdown pass. He needs just nine more catches to set the Hamilton record for most receptions in a season. Milleisen ran 24 times for 138 yards and two touchdowns. He also caught six passes for 57 yards. On defense, Russ Zacek had nine tackles (three solo), four pass breakups, a forced fumble, and an interception return for 22 yards.

DeBlois' efforts earned him NESCAC Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors. In addition, he was named ECAC/Budget Division III Upstate New York Offensive Player of the Week. Russ Zacek earned a spot on the ECAC/Budget Honor Roll.

Hamilton faces the Williams on Saturday in what should prove to be an exciting game. The 4-1 Ephmen are coming off a 21-0 shutout win at Tufts last weekend. Williams is led by junior Peter Supino, the second rated quarterback in the NESCAC. Seniors Mark Kossick and Kris Kahn anchor the backfield, averaging 85.6 and 63.0 yards per game, respectively.

Their main strength lies in a strong defense. The Ephmen have surrendered just 35 points in five games. Their only loss of the season came at the hands of undefeated Trinity in a game which they dominated statistically. A shanked extra point proved the margin of defeat.

Hamilton has only beaten Williams six times in the 20th century, the last time in 1992. Williams has outscored the Conts 135-19 in the past three years. Last season the Conts kept the score even at 9-9 until halftime before Williams erupted for 20 unanswered second half points. To Hamilton's misfortune, the game was played at Mt. Greylock High School. Williams played their next game on television and had to make sure that their home field looked real pretty.

However, the Continentals are fielding their strongest team in years and should prove to be a formidable opponent. The offense is rolling and the defense is keeping points off the scoreboard. This game will be a test for the veteran Continentals. If the offense continues to put up the same numbers, and the defense holds strong, the Conts should roll to their fourth win of the season.

Hamiltonian Hyner hot in Houghton contest, fighting to finish .500

BY GARY HEENAN '97
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton women's field hockey team has managed to keep their playoff hopes alive with back to back wins this past week. After losing the previous four it looked like the Lady Continentals would have an early end to this year's season. But this isn't the case. Hamilton displayed the pride and guts Continental athletes are known for across the North-East and have put themselves in the driver seat to acquire a position in the state tournament which starts next Friday.

If anyone could put a name on this year's season for the Continentals I doubt you would find one more fitting than "streaky." The Continentals began this year losing their first three games. But Senior leadership prevailed and Hamilton stormed back to win their next four. Lady luck sided with the opposition as Hamilton found themselves again losing their next four. In typical fashion Hamilton has once again answered. With their backs against the wall Hamilton replied with two hard fought victories over Houghton 2-1, and more recently Oneonta 3-0.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

The Continentals were above Houghton, both literally and figuratively, during Hamilton's 2-1 victory.

In fact, the team has managed to gel quite nicely. The entire team has managed to place themselves on the scoring sheet. Even in their tight losses the team has stuck together and has never given up until the final whistle. This is the character the Lady Continentals might need to draw upon if they intend to make the state championship. A rookie set the tone for the most recent Continental turn around. Weatherly Ramsdell '00 set the pace against the Houghton Highlanders scoring her first collegiate goal. Houghton managed to answer but hard working Sarah Chessin '98 replied with a goal of her own. Tucker Pierson '97 and Liz Brecht '99 added assists while Melissa Hyner '97 was as usual brilliant in making 18 key saves as Hamilton upset Houghton 2-1.

Hamilton next faced a feisty Oneonta team also fighting to remain a playoff contender. Hamilton however was a much more skilled and conditioned team as Oneonta proved to be no match for the Lady Continentals. Laura Gentner '98 again lead the way with a goal and an assist. Susan Glah '99 padded her stats with

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a blast from the top of the circle and Weatherly Ramsdell managed to find the net again scoring her second of the season. Chessin and Warner '99 picked up assists while Malik Farlow '99 back-stopped Hamilton to their second win in as many games.

The hard work of the Continentals is not going without league recognition. The UCAA recently named Weatherly Ramsdell '00 Rookie Of The Week for her contribution to Hamilton's victories. Honorable mention also went out to Hamilton's point leader Gentner. Genter now has 18 points and an impressive 1.39 points per game average. These statistics place her currently in third place among the leagues top scorers. Judy Whitaker '97 is also among the league leaders currently sitting 8th with 14 points.

This week's game against Westfield State University is a make it or break it situation for Hamilton as they strive to make the state tournament. Presently sitting with a record of 6-7 the Continentals are unlikely to receive a state bid. History shows that teams below .500 are frowned upon by the selection committee. So the Lady Continentals have put their fate in their own hands. A win against Westfield and Hamilton likely goes to the tournament where we all know anything can happen. But a loss spells the end to a very "streaky" season. Knowing the seniors all too well, a loss is very unlikely. Pierson, Whitaker, and Hyner have displayed outstanding leadership throughout the season and are sure to have the girls fired up for this one.

When asked about the team's chances Cassie Gaiotti '99 all but guaranteed a victory, "the team has worked its hardest all year this week in practice, we all know you have to want it to win it and believe me, we want it! "

Hamilton wishes to thank their fan support this year but would appreciate some fan support on the road as they visit Westfield Sunday, game time: 1 pm.